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COMMUTERS received their copies of MK NEWS with an extra Christmas touch.

Dressed as a Christmas tree and Mrs Santa, a duo from D4M Ltd, the Milton Keynes events management company, gave out copies at Milton Keynes Central train station last Wednesday.

The D4M team are celebrating a successful year, having received a £75,000 investment from James Caan on BBC Two's venture capitalist programme, Dragons' Den.

Since then, Julia Charles, managing director of D4M, has seen her company flourish and also scooped the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year award.

She said: "This has been a fantastic year for us and we wanted to give some festive cheer to MK commuters braving the early morning cold starts."

■ MK NEWS hands out two to 3,000 copies to commuters every Wednesday morning.

Ofsted slates kids' services

BY LAURA HANNAM
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AN Ofsted report has rated Milton Keynes Council's children's services as inadequate.

MK NEWS understands that the inspectorate's Annual Performance Assessment (APA), due to be released today, has given Milton Keynes Council's children's services a one star grade, falling from a two star 'adequate' ranking last year.

But the council's children's services chiefs have expressed disappointment at the rating, which will be added to the council's overall annual Corporate Assessment score making it drop as a result.

Cllr Sandra Clark, cabinet member for childrens' services and schools, said the ratings are based on performance during the year to March 2008 and do not count the improvements that have been made more recently.

"Ofsted has raised the bar for all councils recently and we agree there must be tough standards as our children deserve the best, but we really think we did better on this one than we were given credit for," she said.

"A low score would have made more sense last year when we were struggling, but not this year when we've made real progress."

Three areas were rated with one star including Enjoying and Achieving, Achieving Economic Well Being, and the Capacity to Improve.

Two other areas concentrating on Being Healthy and Staying Safe both stayed steady at two stars and one area – Making a Positive Contribution – which looks at encouraging young people to work in the community and improving things in their neighbourhood, was singled out for praise earning a 'good' three star rating.

Cllr Clark added that a new 'top team' has been put in place for children's services this year and the Department of Children, Schools and Families agreed that the council had successfully completed an action plan to strengthen its capacity to improve.

"Also, exam results this year were once again up on previous years – our GSCE results were the best ever so far and with A-levels we outdid the national pass rate," she said.

"At Key Stage 2, the council's rate of improvement was judged second best in the country over a three year period."

The council has already challenged this score during discussions with Ofsted, but is now looking at whether it can raise its concerns with the secretary of state for the DCSF.

Council leader Isobel McCall added: "It's vital that children's services perform well and we need to understand from the secretary of state why his department thinks we have capacity to improve and Ofsted doesn't."

■ For full details on the Ofsted report visit www.mk-news.co.uk

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Palladium star on MK stage

MILTON Keynes is alive with The Sound of Music.

MK NEWS can exclusively reveal that MK Theatre will be playing host to the legendary Rodgers and Hammerstein musical in October and November 2009.

The production is part of a National UK tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's, David Ian and The Really Useful Group's smash hit and will see Connie Fisher return to star in the lead role of Maria.

Connie Fisher won BBC1s How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? and played the role at the London Palladium for 15 months to critical acclaim.

She most recently starred in the Menier Chocolate Factory's production of They're Playing Our Song and will be seen in ITVs drama Caught in a Trap this Christmas.

This lavish production tells the story of the Von Trapp family's flight across the mountains with its unforgettable score that includes some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the musical stage including My Favorite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Climb Every Mountain, The Lonely Goatherd and the title song The Sound of Music.

The show will run from Tuesday, October 27 to Saturday, November 14.

For further information contact the box office on 0870 060 6652 or online at www.miltonkeynestheatre.com

■ See next week's MK NEWS for an exclusive interview with Connie Fisher.

Connie Fisher is to star in The Sound of Music at MK Theatre – no problem

"You don't have to have enemies to be murdered ... just be in the wrong place at the wrong time

– Defence counsel, John Coffey QC, summing up in Barri White's retrial for the murder of Rachel Manning

BY ROB GIBSON

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THE jury is out to decide whether Barri White murdered 18-year-old Rachel Manning.

As the two-week trial at Luton Crown Court concluded yesterday, the jury retired following a closing speech by the defence which lasted more than two hours.

Defence counsel John Coffey QC said that an expert witness for the prosecution had backtracked on his scientific findings, describing it as a 'devastating change of view for the Crown's case'.

The case began eight years ago, on December 12, 2000, when Rachel's body was found in the undergrowth near Woburn Golf Club.

It is the second time that Mr White, 29, of Epsom Grove, Bletchley, has faced trial and denied murdering Rachel, who was his girlfriend at the time.

He was convicted in 2002 but that was quashed at the Court of Appeal last November and a retrial was ordered.

The jury heard that the couple had been out with Mr White's family at Chicago's nightclub, Central Milton Keynes, just hours before Rachel's disappearance.

Prosecutor Julian Baughan said Mr White had enlisted the help of his friend Keith Hyatt to dump the body but Mr White claims that at the end of the night they went separate ways and Rachel called Mr Hyatt's house to tell him she was lost.

Barri White: Accused of killing his girlfriend, Rachel

Mr Baughan said: "The entire defence depends on Rachel being lost but that only comes from the mouth of Barri White and Keith Hyatt. They had a story but they forgot their lines.

"So if she wasn't lost, what were they (Mr Hyatt and Mr White) doing going out in the van, down Oldbrook Boulevard, in the direction of the woods?"

The prosecution alleged that Mr White strangled Rachel after she made a distress call from the phone box to her housemate and then called Mr Hyatt to bring his transit van.

Mr Baughan said: "These phone calls prove that this poor girl wasn't the victim of some wandering maniac but the man who killed her was her boyfriend who had been rowing with her earlier that evening."

On Monday, defence counsel John Coffey said that forensics expert, Professor Kenneth Pye, had repeatedly changed his views on whether there had been contact between Rachel's skirt and the front passenger seat of Mr Hyatt's transit.

He said: "The shifting sands upon which the Crown's case is built is wholly unacceptable.

"It is quite clear now that the jury (at the first trial) were seriously misled about the significance of these scientific findings.

"There are very few facts about which you can be sure are revealed by the evidence."

He said that CCTV images of the van in Oldbrook and the timing of calls made from Mr Hyatt's home meant that the van could not have been used to transport the body to the deposition site within that time allowance.

"What this case demonstrates is that you don't have to have enemies to be murdered, you just have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," Mr Coffey said.

■ For the latest news on the jury's verdict visit www.mk-news.co.uk

Suicide: Simon Palmer was a flugel horn player for Stantonbury Brass for 18 years

Horn player found hanged in bedroom

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A MEMBER of Stantonbury's brass band who had an 'infectious smile' committed suicide at his parents' home.

Simon Palmer was a flugel horn player for Stantonbury Brass for 18 years and was often featured as a soloist in their concerts.

The 31-year-old, who trained with the Milton Keynes Music Service, had never missed an engagement with the band.

He worked for the Parks Trust as a landscape craftsman and helped run a conservation project to protect and study the city's bats.

An inquest, held on Monday, heard how he was found dead at his parent's address in Cowper Close in Newport Pagnell on Sunday, September 28.

He was living with a friend in Bedford at the time and was visiting his parents.

The day before, Saturday, September 27, he was not able to go to work as he was depressed and anxious so spent the day with his sister.

He went to bed as normal but in the morning when his sister came to bring him a cup of tea she found him hanged against the bedroom window.

The inquest heard how he had attempted to take his own life twice before and suffered from depression for 13 years.

> Simon was a wonderful son and brother and we were very proud of him. He was a keen birdwatcher and lover of wildlife. Simon could make everyone feel special, children and grown-ups alike. He was a very special person and we will miss him.
>
> – Simon Palmer's father, Richard

No notes were found but his girlfriend, Claire Lewis, said he had been feeling low for around two months and had trouble sleeping.

He was intending to move back in with his parents as his flatmate was going travelling.

He was feeling sad about his friend leaving and anxious about his job and making their relationship work.

"He was crying pretty much every time I saw him," she said.

His father, Richard, said Simon often felt like he had let the family down and was a failure.

"We kept telling him he wasn't," he said.

Diana Liness, PA to the chief executive of the Parks Trust, said: "He was well respected and a valued member of the team. He was a very kind, very nice boy."

"The staff are devastated."

Coroner Rodney Coroner gave a verdict that he took his own life.

Mr Palmer, who was born in Wokingham, attended Ousedale School in his youth and had a degree in ecology.

His father told MK NEWS: "Simon was a wonderful son and brother and we were very proud of him. He was a keen birdwatcher and lover of wildlife. He walked for miles carrying his bird scope losing all sense of time.

"Simon could make everyone feel special, children and grown-ups alike, and we will never forget his colourful ties and T-shirts and his infectious smile.

"He was a very special person and we will miss him."

The Parks Trust is to plant three of his favourite tree – a spindle – in his memory.

Man beaten and robbed in city centre

A MAN was punched, kicked and robbed in the city centre on Friday.

Just after 3am the victim was walking from Oceana, heading to the Hub in Central Milton Keynes.

As he reached the underpass which leads from Xscape, under Secklow Gate on to the old Wyvale garden centre site, he was pushed to the floor from behind by two men.

The victim was punched and kicked by the offenders and they stole his mobile phone and wallet.

The offenders then ran off and the victim flagged a taxi down which took him to Jurys Inn hotel, in the Hub.

DC Wayne Watson, leading the investigation, said: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the robbery to come forward.

"I believe there were a number of people in the area, especially around the bars and clubs as it was closing time, who may have witnessed the incident or saw two men acting suspiciously near the underpass around the same time of the offence."

■ Anyone with any information contact DC Watson on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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No age barrier

SIR – Congratulations to MK NEWS for last week's full coverage of the Golden Wonders competition which honours people over 55 who have made a significant contribution to improving the lives of their communities.

It was so refreshing to see the contribution of older people celebrated in such a public way.

So often in the media, and in the wider community, older people are portrayed in a negative light.

Older people contribute to their local communities in a myriad of ways – as paid employees, as voluntary workers, as carers, as grandparents and as active citizens.

Perhaps next year MK Council and their partners could organise a celebration on the International Day of Older Persons on October 1.

The dDay was designated by the general assembly of the United Nations back in 1991.

The day should have the same status as World Aids Day, International Womens Day, World Disability Day, etc, but for some (discriminatory?) reason it remains a well kept secret.

So, well done MK NEWS for combating negative stereotypes.

I look forward to reading about more examples of the positive exploits of older people in Milton Keynes in 2009.

Dave Brunwin
Walton Park

Houses don't shout

SIR – I am sorry to hear that Mr Ridley (letters last week) has noisy neighbours.

But before we have a call to arms against houses in multiple occupancy (HIMOs), I would like to remind him that it is individual tenants causing the problems and not the status of the house itself.

It is surely down to the landlord to ensure harmony.

I live in a quiet and well-behaved HIMO full of young professionals. We are friendly with our neighbours and have never had any complaints and, at the present time, it doesn't make financial sense for any of us to start our own households.

HIMOs are necessary to provide the flexible arrangements needed by many who have moved to the area to work and support the local economy.

Mike Pitt
Foxley Place, Loughton

For local people

SIR – As residents of Heelands will know, work is well under way on the regeneration of Heelands local centre.

The dangerous balconies have been replaced with French windows with juliet bars, the exterior is completely repainted and improved lighting has created a more welcoming atmosphere.

A new, improved, junior play area will be placed near to Tesco – some residents have expressed concern that this space is for additional car parking . This is not so.

Although some trees have gone, many new trees are to be planted.

A youth shelter is to be built fitted with solar-powered lighting and Bluetooth connection. The idea is to keep young people who are not shopping away from the front of the shops and car park area.

The path at the side of Tesco, which has a history of bad behaviour and vandalism is to be gated.

Work at the rear of the shops will include improved drainage to stop the flooding, extra car parking space and security gating to the back of the compound.

New landscaping will be introduced after the Christmas break.

Work on the Centre will stop on December 19 and resume on January 5.

We hope that after the work is done, the regenerated centre will be we worth the wait.

Cllr Rex Exon
Bradwell Ward

Let's have ceremonial traffic lights switch off

SIR – Apparently we now have electronic displays at a few bus stops which indicate how late the next bus will be.

I am curious to know how many bus users have actually seen one, and how useful our councillors think they are.

Perhaps our councillors could consider adding large electronic timers above every red traffic light in the city, these displays can show how much longer we have to wait before the green light comes on.

Almost everyone in the city would see those timers regularly, including bus users.

They would be particularly welcome in locations where for most of every 24-hour period there is no reason whatsoever for vehicles to stop.

Of course, instead of adding timers to all of them, it would be far cheaper to remove many of the traffic lights across Milton Keynes.

This could be organised as a Sunday afternoon event.

After the lights are ceremonially switched off to resounding cheers, I suspect that large numbers of enthusiastic volunteers will eagerly rush forward to help with the recycling process, taking their turn to use council-supplied sledgehammers.

K Powell
sent by e-mail

Fairer charging

SIR – When on Milton Keynes Council, at the time of the Community Charge, I was the only one of 51 councillors to publicly support this way of raising local finance.

One reason for this was the benefit to those on fixed incomes such as pensioners and those legitimately on benefits.

I was ridiculed by other councillors of all parties and the goody-goody lobbyists, but now I bet these groups of residents would welcome the Community Charge and the way it would reduce their financial outgoings.

In my local area of Stony Stratford we have a relatively high percentage of pensioners and in parts of the area substantial numbers of residents on fixed incomes.

It is disappointing that, for the sake of political advantage, these residents are suffering financially because of the failure of others to look beyond the short term and perceived increase in votes.

Paul Bartlett
Woodside, Stony Stratford

Tea party thanks

SIR – The tenants of Fulwell Court Sheltered Housing would like to thank staff of the Co-op and Post Office in Great Linford for their kindness and generosity in the provision of a tea party at which the tenants had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Please wish all the staff a very happy Christmas and thank you.

Peter Billups
Fulwell Court, St Leger Drive, Gt Linford

Reward litter pickers

SIR – It was great to read the story in your paper last week 'Clean-up kids are litter-pickin' good'.

Laicee and her six -year-old brother Mason should be commended by the city for what they have done.

How many times have you seen teenagers out in the street droppingn their crisp packets and fizzy pop cans only yards from a bin.

These teenagers should take a leaf out of their younger counterparts' book and start thinking about the area they live in a little bit more.

I hope they have had their pocket money increased as a result of this!

Name and address supplied

Smee fine for fun

SIR – How lucky we are to have a such a wonderful theatre as MK Theatre in our city.

Every year it has managed to attract a fantastic star studded pantomime.

Last week I went to see Peter Pan starring Henry Winkler as Captain Hook.

I thought the whole production was an absolute joy and my three grandchildren aged 5, 7 and 10 absolutely loved it.

After two years of Bradley Walsh and his fantastic performances in Cinderella and Aladdin I wasn't sure anyone would be able to top his antics.

However, a special mention has to go to comedian Andy Ford who plays the part of the hapless Smee.

He was fantastic fun for both the adults and children and for me stole the show.

I am already looking forward to next years production. Well done MK Theatre.

Mrs J Green
Whaddon Way, Bletchley

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Weeping widow pleads for death crash witnesses

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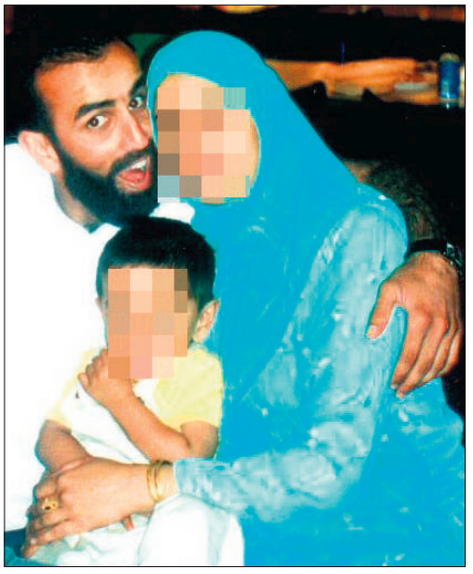

Nosheen Akhtar with her husband yasar and young son Amaan

A WIDOW wept as she called for witnesses to a crash in which her husband died to come forward.

Nosheen Akhtar broke down in a press conference last week as she appealed to people who saw the collision in Stony Stratford in September to speak to the police.

Her husband Yasar Mehmood, 24, from Magdalen Close, was killed metres from his home after his black Vauxhall Vectra collided with a white VW transporter van on Queen Eleanor Street just before 8.30am on Monday, September 8.

He was taken to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford by air ambulance but later died from his injuries in the operating theatre.

He was a taxi driver working for Hackney Carriages but was not working at the time of the collision as he was taking his six-year-old son, Amaan, to school in Monkston.

Amaan, who was in the front passenger seat of the Vectra, was not injured in the crash.

Despite two media appeals, so far no witnesses have contacted the police to help with the investigation.

In a press briefing on Thursday, December 11, organised by Thames Valley Police, Mrs Akhtar, 27, said: "There would have been other drivers coming and going.

"They might not think it is relevant but any little piece of information they have got might be helpful."

"It is really hard but you keep going for the children.

"We are just muddling through every day as it comes but it would be really useful to have some sort of answers as that could help me move on."

She added that Yasar was an intelligent, thoughtful man, a good husband and a devoted father to Amaan (now seven) and their three-year-old daughter Hiba.

"He was loving, happy and sensitive and we all miss him terribly," she said.

"Yasar was a deeply religious man and was a well known figure in the local community.

"His death has had a huge impact on all of our lives. It has left a huge void and feels like a part of me has been lost. The children talk about him all of the time and only yesterday they were remembering when we both went to see their nativity plays last year."

Roads Policing Inspector Robert Jarrett said: "Yasar was driving his black Vauxhall Vectra towards Stony Stratford roundabout when a white Volkswagon transporter van was travelling in the opposite direction towards Old Straford.

"For some reason it would appear that the Volkswagon transporter has crossed the centre white line and collided with Yasar's car.

"We have got plenty of people who stopped at the scene to render assistance and give first aid, which is great and we are thankful to those people that did that.

"What we haven't got is people who actually saw the collision happen.

"That is a busy stretch of road at that time in the morning, somebody must have seen this collision occur as a pose to just the aftermath of it.

"I am appealing for anybody who was a witness to this collision to come forward and provide the missing piece of that jig saw."

A 25-year-old man from Leighton Buzzard who was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving has been released without charge.

■ Anyone with information call 08458 505505 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Great Xscape goes wrong

A MAN was released by firefighters after getting trapped while climbing over a fence outside Xscape.

Two fire crews were called to the scene on Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes at 2am on Sunday morning.

A spokesman for Xscape said: "The member of the public in question made his way into the staff car park and service area and climbed over the fence.

"He got his foot stuck in a railing and fell onto the other side of the fence.

"He was taken away in an ambulance for a check up but was released uninjured."

Asda assault witness plea

A WOMAN was injured when a car door was slammed on her during an assault in Bletchley.

Police are appealing for a man who helped her to come forward.

The incident happened in the Asda car park on Bletchem Way on Friday, December 5. At 3 pm the victim was walking to her car when a man approached her on a bicycle and closed the door on her, causing injuries to her head and arm. The witness is a black man, aged between 30 and 40-years-old, and was driving a 4x4 vehicle.

Contact PC Adrian McIntosh on 0845 8 505 505.

Mum not guilty of child deaths

A MOTHER accused of killing her two children has been found not guilty after she was judged to be insane.

Mental patient Patricia Bousson was sectioned under the Mental Health Act at Chadwick Lodge in Eaglestone after she was charged with killing her children in 2007.

The bodies of six-week-old Mary and five-year-old Mikael were discovered on May 5 last year at her flat in Thornton Heath, London.

Madame Bousson, 27, was found not guilty by reason of insanity at Kingston Crown Court yesterday.

The French national will now be detained at a secure unit.

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Temperatures drop as fuel bills rise

People living in 'fuel poverty' are those who have to spend more than ten per cent of their income on keeping their home warm. And since the average fuel bill has increased by 125 per cent since 2003, around 12 per cent of people in this area are now thought to be in this situation. Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE spoke to three people whose lives are dramatically affected by the cost of fuel

Food, not fuel: Izzabella Sayer outside her Coffee Hall home

CHRISTINE GRIFFITH

Age: 64
Location: Epsom Grove, Bletchley

CHRISTINE does not just need to heat her home for her comfort - but for her health.

For 34 years she has suffered from Raynaud's, a common condition where a person's extremities turn blue or white when cold.

But in 1990 she contracted the more severe Scleroderma - meaning a drop in heat makes the major organs and tissue go hard.

Now she has to heat her home all day.

She said: "I have to have the heating on all the time. With these conditions, if you don't keep warm then it can be very dangerous as attacks are triggered by two things - cold and stress.

"At the moment we are just managing to pay the fuel bills but I don't know how we are going to cope when my husband, who is 71, eventually has to give up work.

"The Government is missing the point with the credit crunch in getting people to spend more in the high street by cutting VAT.

"It's the utilities that are the problem - and the costs are especially hitting pensioners who are on a fixed income.

"Our income remains the same but what you have to spend on utilities keeps becoming a bigger and bigger percentage and we have to go without other things."

IZZABELLA SAYER

Age: Pensioner
Location: Jonathans, Coffee Hall

DISABLED pensioner Izzabella Sayer from Jonathans in Coffee Hall is bedridden not because she is ill, but because she cannot afford to buy gas.

She has not heated her home for more than two years, having chosen food over fuel when deciding how to spend her pension and benefits.

The surge in fuel costs means that she does not think she will ever turn the heating on again.

She said: "I've got one of these card meters but all I'm paying is the cost of having the meter, I don't actually use it. I can't afford to have any gas so if it's cold I go to bed. The warmest place is in bed. I get myself a hot drink if it's really cold I will make myself a flask if I'm to spend the day there.

"I'm saving up for a heater from Argos just to take the chill off the place. Now the prices have gone up even more, to keep my house nice and warm like my friend does I would have to pay £60 a week. That is impossible. By the time I've paid for my phone, lifeline alarm, electricity, water and food I just can't afford heat."

JANE SMITH

Age 45
Location: New Bradwell

JANE Smith, 45, from New Bradwell is too embarrassed to give her real name when describing the conditions in which she, her husband and their 9-year-old disabled son live.

Their house is heated using electricity, because the housing association to which it belongs prohibits gas heaters.

"This year we are already frozen and it's not even got cold yet. It has got ridiculous - we are going to bed earlier so we can watch TV and be warm," she said.

"My son plays his Playstation with his controller under the duvet because since our electric bill went up from £50 to £110 last winter we have no heating in our bedrooms. We cannot afford to pay that amount.

"We have lived here for five years but with the last rise in electric costs it's become crippling. I'm not worried about Christmas Day because there will be quite a lot of us - it will warm the house a bit. But it's quite hard feeling cheerful when it gets to 7.30 in the evening and we are so cold we have to go to bed."

Choristers serenade singing star

SINGER Aled Jones signed copies of his charity Christmas single with Pudsey last week.

The radio broadcaster and Songs of Praise presenter visited thecentre:mk last Friday to promote his Children in Need song BANDAGED: Little Drummer Boy.

The single, also featuring Sir Terry Wogan, shot to number one on the website Amazon on its release on December 8.

Aled, who has also starred on Strictly Come Dancing, joined Pudsey in the shopping centre and was treated to a special performance of the song by Great Horwood School Choir.

Dud cameras cost ex-club boss £3k

BY ROB GIBSON
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THE former owner of a city centre nightclub has been convicted after police discovered that his CCTV cameras had not been working for two weeks.

Anfor Farooque, 39, was fined when he appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Wednesday.

Farooque was the owner of Buddha Blue nightclub in the Theatre District, when a violent brawl took place there on February 9, 2008.

As the holder of the premise's licence, he pleaded guilty to one charge of breaching the 2003 Licensing Act, because recordings via CCTV were not made.

Abi McHugh De Clare, prosecuting for Milton Keynes Council, told magistrates that police and council officers requested CCTV footage after various allegations were made about incidents at the nightclub.

Ms McHugh De Clare said: "The lack of CCTV footage somewhat hampered the police investigations of the incidents, specifically the more serious incident which involved teenagers getting into a fight on the premises."

Fined: Anfor Farooque, former owner of Buddha Blue

When interviewed by police, Farooque said that there had been a technical fault with the cameras and he had fixed it as soon as he found out.

Sham Uddin, representing Farooque, said that his client had appointed a supervisor to look after the day-to-day running of the nightclub but accepted that he carried responsibility under the terms of the licence.

Mr Uddin said: "He has lost his good name and his good character."

He said that Farooque has been under stress and financial difficulties, has separated from his wife and now works as a part time supervisor for the new owners of the clubx.

Chairman of the magistrates, Judith Jeffcoate, said: "The CCTV was not working for a period of two weeks.

"This is clearly negligent."

Farooque, from Great Barr, Birmingham, was fined £210 and ordered to pay costs of £3,000 towards legal fees and the investigation costs of Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council.

He also had to pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Five other breaches, which Farooque denied, were dismissed when he changed his plea to guilty for the sixth charge.

Drug dealer loses cash stash

A DRUG dealer has been ordered to pay £78,000 after a court ruled that he had made the money through drug trafficking.

Stephen Hillery, 53, of North Fourth Street, Central Milton Keynes, appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court on December 5 for confiscation proceedings.

It was ruled that he had benefited £78,397.50 from his criminality and he had assets available to meet that order.

Hillery is already serving a two year prison sentence after pleading guilty in June to possession of 55 ounces of amphetamine, worth £3,157, with intent to supply.

He was arrested on April 11 and a financial investigation was conducted by the Asset Recovery Team at Milton Keynes Police Station.

They identified various bank accounts that were controlled by the defendant.

A restraint order was granted to prevent Hillery dissipating his assets such as his house and car.

A statement from Thames Valley Police said: "After examination of the defendant's bank accounts, it was apparent that over £70,000 of unexplained cash deposits had been paid into the accounts in a six year period."

Hillery will now have to pay the money within six months or serve a further 18 months imprisonment and still have to pay the money.

Rebecca Merritt, Financial Investigator from Milton Keynes Asset Recovery Team, said: "This case concerned an offender that had clearly benefited from drug trafficking which funded his lifestyle."

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Ruth adds another string to her bow

BY ROB GIBSON
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A 12-YEAR-OLD violinist said she is delighted after being selected for the National Children's Orchestra for Great Britain.

Ruth Bretts, a year seven pupil at Denbigh School, was recommended for the auditions by her violin teacher, Euan Forrester.

The youngster has honed her natural talent at Milton Keynes Music Service, a council-run service based in Simpson.

Ruth said: "I was really happy when I heard the news and I'm looking forward to playing for the orchestra.

"It's a skill which not many people can do and it makes me feel different.

"I've been helped by my parents and my wonderful teacher, Euan."

Ruth started playing the violin when she was six and has already played at concerts across the country, including two at The Royal Albert Hall.

Her mother, Anna Bretts said: "The fantastic thing is she's got something to do outside of school.

"As soon as she saw Euan with the violin she just knew that's what she wanted to do.

"She does about 20 minutes of practice a day and she plays piano too."

Ruth will join up with the Under 12 Orchestra next year, meeting other talented young musicians from across the UK for an intensive course and concert in the summer.

Ruth Bretts: Selected for the National Children's Orchestra for Great Britain

Head of Milton Keynes Music Service, David Rose, said: "It's all credit to her hard work she puts in and the help she has had from her teacher and parents."

Teacher Euan, who is head of the strings faculty, said: "She's been fantastic since the start.

"She made a real impression with me when she was six, the way she responded since day one.

"I've seen her every week since then but she has got plenty of natural ability and a musical brain."

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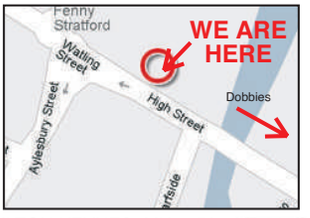

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Mail centre workers delay strike for Xmas

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A STRIKE at the city's mail centre has been postponed to avoid delaying post during the Christmas rush.

Members of the local branch of the Communication Workers Union (CWU) have decided to delay industrial action until after the Christmas period.

A 24-hour strike was due to be held on Friday, December 19 against plans to close the mail centre in Dawson Road, Bletchley.

Paul Moffat, eastern region secretary of the CWU, said the union consulted with its local members last Wednesday who decided not to undermine the huge public support they have received by delaying post during the festive season.

"They considered that it is not in our interest or the public interest to hold industrial action over the Christmas period," he said.

However, union members have not lost the will to hold a strike and it could be planned at the end of December or in the New Year, he added.

The union is fighting plans to move the centre's processing operations to a proposed new 'super' state-of-the-art mail centre at junction 15a of the M1 in Northamptonshire from 2010, where the city's mail will be sorted alongside post from Coventry and Northampton.

It claims the closure will put up to 600 jobs at risk in Milton Keynes.

More than 500 people marched through Bletchley last month in an effort to save the centre.

> It is not in our interest or the public interest to hold industrial action over Christmas
>
> **– CWU secretary Paul Moffat**

Blow to wind farm protesters

PROTESTERS fighting to stop a wind farm being built near Olney have reached the end of the line in British courts.

A campaign group bidding to prevent a seven-turbine wind farm being constructed at Petsoe Manor Farm, Emberton has been refused permission to appeal to the House of Lords.

The wind farm plans by Your Energy won the backing of the High Court in July despite claims by a local landowner that the area does not have enough wind to justify the harm it would do to the landscape.

In October three senior judges in the Court of Appeal upheld the High Court's decision and on Monday the House of Lords Appeal Committee refused permission for the objectors to appeal further.

MK Council granted planning permission for the wind farm, with turbines up to 125 metres high, in January.

Andrew Finn-Kelcey, a member of Bucks Lacks Enough Wind (BLEW), who owns land north of the site, had sought to persuade the courts to quash the planning permission and order the council to reconsider the matter.

Peter Geary, member of BLEW and councillor for Olney said BLEW will now consider taking their fight to the European courts.

Your Energy claims the wind farm will generate safe, clean, renewable energy equivalent to the needs of up to 9,000 homes.

Steve Hunter, Your Energy's senior development manager, said: "This is a fabulous early Christmas present, not only for us and the project's many supporters in Milton Keynes, but for anyone who cares about preserving our environment for future generations."

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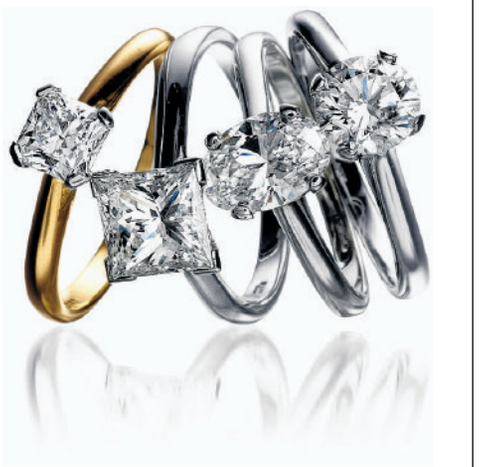

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Health boss backs ciggy display ban

A MILTON Keynes health chief has backed a bid to remove cigarette displays in shops to help stop youngsters smoking.

Plans were recently announced to remove cigarette displays in shops and prevent under age access to vending machines.

In Milton Keynes during 2007, more than 1,300 local young people in year 8 (aged 12-13) and year 10 (aged 14-15) completed a survey on lifestyle habits which included smoking, 39 per cent said they had tried smoking in the past or that they now smoke, 76 per cent of smokers said they would like to give up.

The survey also found that smoking was linked to low self-esteem in girls, skipping breakfast and having been the victim of crime.

A person starting regular smoking before the age of 15 is three times more likely to die of cancer due to smoking than someone who starts in their mid-20s.

Dr Diane Gray, deputy director of public health for NHS Milton Keynes, said "We hope that removing cigarettes from shops will help prevent young people from taking up the smoking habit.

"We hope that shops will take the lead by replacing the cigarette displays with healthier products and not substitute the problem with chocolate and crisps.

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– Dr Diane Gray, deputy director of public health for NHS Milton Keynes

"Work is going on through the local Healthy Schools programme and with MK College to give young people the self-confidence to say no to smoking and to encourage them not to smoke any more if they have already tried it.

"One of the biggest influences on young people is the presence of an adult who smokes in their household, so working with parents and guardians to help them quit is part of the aim of the tobacco control programme for MK in the future".

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Final decision on Post Offices

THE council was finally set to decide last night if it would save any of the city's threatened Post Offices.

The cabinet was due to review its choice not to intervene and save four branches in Milton Keynes at a meeting as this paper went to press.

Last month the cabinet said throwing a lifeline to branches for three years was not 'financially viable' despite the efforts of several parish councils, which promised funding and support for their local Post Offices.

The decision was called-in to a cross-party scrutiny committee by residents in Little Brickhill, Weston Underwood and Ravenstone.

The panel heard evidence that the financial figures provided by the Post Office were riddled with mistakes, so the cabinet decided to reconsider its decision based on accurate information.

A total of six branches are closing across the city, including Little Brickhill, Weston Underwood, Conniburrow, Fishermead, Water Eaton and Fenny Stratford.

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Raj Shah, store director at Specsavers in Silbury Arcade, said: "Dark driving conditions can greatly affect eyesight, which can become distorted by tiredness, dazzling headlights or poorly lit areas.

"It is essential that everyone should have their eyes tested every two years, as part of a regular health check, whether they drive for a living or not."

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Armed robber caught on TV

Knifeman ran off after demanding cash from One Stop Shop till

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Police have released this CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in connection with an attempted robbery in Emerson Valley.

The offender entered the One Stop Shop at White Horse Drive and threatened the cashier with a knife, demanding money from the till.

The cashier remained calm and questioned the offender, who ran off empty-handed.

The incident took place on at 9.50pm on Friday, November 21.

Police described the offender as white, 6ft, aged between 30 and 40, with short dark hair, clean shaven, wearing a blue puffer jacket, light blue jeans.

He was carrying a six to seven inch knife.

Detective Constable Wendy Fellows said: "I am appealing for anyone who witnessed the attempted robbery to come forward, as their information could be vital to the investigation.

"This type of incident is rare, but this is a serious offence and I urge anyone with information to come forward."

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‘Spend, spend, spend’ say school debaters

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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IN troubled economic times a city school won a debate in the House of Commons by arguing that spending is better than saving.

Shenley Brook End took on Ousedale at last Tuesday’s Conservative-organised event in the Palace of Westminster, before being crowned Milton Keynes school debating champions 2008.

In the style of a Parliamentary debate, Guy Silberrad and Natasha Rufurwokuda pipped Alice Franklin and Abigail Morris to the title, proposing the motion ‘this House would spend before it saved’.

Surrounded by the grandeur of Committee Room 15 and an audience of pupils, parents and teachers, the contestants delivered their speeches, while Iain Stewart, parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes south, acted as the Speaker.

But after two powerful arguments the three judges, MP Mark Lancaster, MK NEWS reporter Jessica Cunniffe and local dentist and former councillor Dr David Gilmartin, felt that Shenley’s speakers shone.

Winning student Natasha Rufurwokuda, 17, said: “It was so scary walking into the room, but once I got speaking I was fine I got dragged into doing it and had never debated before. Now I wouldn’t mind being an MP.”

Hey big spenders: Iain Stewart with Guy Silberrad, Natasha Rufurwokuda and MP Mark Lancaster

Her team mate Guy Silberrad, 17, added: “It’s right to say that it’s the taking part that counts, but winning did feel really good.”

Mr Lancaster said: “The debate was clearly a great success but equally important an excellent opportunity for students to come and get a feel for how Parliament works, hopefully it will now become very much an annual event for Milton Keynes schools.”

Iain Stewart said: “It has been a real privilege to help organise this debating competition and give students a platform to develop their public speaking skills. The quality of debate has been extremely high and I hope that everyone who has taken part has gained something from it.”

> “I got dragged into doing it and had never debated before. Now I wouldn’t mind being an MP”
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EVERYONE wants to be Santa's friend this Christmas.

In only eight weeks since its launch, the 'Santa Atthecentremk' facebook account has gathered just under 2,000 friends and Santa has received a host of Christmas wishes via facebook and the post box in Middleton Hall.

Launched on October 22 the facebook page was set up with the aim for Santa to communicate directly with the public in the lead up to Christmas, show recent developments in the Christmas Show including images and videos.

The page has displayed images from the Christmas Show, the life size Snow Globe, Santa's video blog and messages from across the world.

"Receiving Christmas wishes from children my favourite part of my job," said Santa from his Grotto in Middleton Hall. "My elves are constantly on Facebook and I thought it was great way to communicate with the children in Milton Keynes and the surrounding region. As ever the post box in Middleton Hall has been incredibly busy.

"All the same rules apply though. I've made my list; I've checked it twice and I've found out who's been naughty or nice. In the meantime here are some of my favourite requests I've received."

Bradley Stapleton in Northampton asked Santa for a 'big, massive crane', Liam O'Brien asked for computer games but took the time ask how Santa was, what the weather was like in 'reindeer land', Harriet Neaves from Woburn Sands went for the bribery option promising two mince pies in exchange for a Hannah Montana doll and Lauren Price wanted a Hannah Montana doll but said 'I love you so much and thank you for getting everyone presents, you are so kind and I love Rudolph as well'.

Santa continued: "These are only a small sample but I can assure all the young boys and girls I cherish every single letter and requests and I look forward to seeing you all ASLEEP on Christmas Eve."

Santa's Grotto is open until Christmas Eve with the following times 9am-7pm Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm on Sundays, Christmas Eve: Santa's Grotto closes at 1pm but the train remains open until 6pm whilst everything is closed on Christmas Day.

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Santa with Daniella Prichard and Joseph Piggott who won an MK NEWS competition to ride on the Santa Express

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Everest effort raises cash for water wells

MK Muslim convert braves freezing cold in aid of Islamic Relief

AN Islamic convert has climbed on Everest and raised thousands of pounds for charity.

Daniel Reeb, 26, from Emerson Valley, took three weeks' unpaid leave to go to Lukla in Nepal and trek to Everest Base Camp.

The Milton Keynes Muslim Association member said the 13-day trek it is one of the best things he has ever done – third only to getting married and converting to Islam two years ago.

With temperatures of minus 15 degrees, at night it was so cold their water bottles froze.

But it was all in aid of Islamic Relief, with the money going towards building sustainable water wells in some of the most impoverished villages in the world.

The warehouse worker said that enduring the trials of the trek were made worthwhile when considering who is set to benefit from the money raised.

He said: "I suffered from altitude sickness and was throwing up for two days and had pounding headaches like never before. But the suffering I put up with is nothing compared to those who don't have adequate drinking water and are drinking themselves into an early grave. I knew I could come home and recover. These people will continue to suffer for years. Thinking about them got me through it."

Daniel is hoping to raise around £5,000 and all donations are welcome on the website www.justgiving.com/danielreeb

Money raiser: Daniel Reed, right, with colleagues on the Himalayan trek to Everest base camp

Make merry – but do it safely

MERRYMAKERS are being advised how to ensure festive frolics do not turn into disaster.

The Community Safety Partnership is reminding people that the season to be jolly is also a time when people are at risk.

They advise that you should book private hire taxis from a licensed minicab company with a blue licence plate to the rear of the vehicle.

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The villainous Captain Hook has arrived in Milton Keynes can you help Peter find him? For your chance to win, just tell us where Hook's hiding.

Starring Legendary TV and film actor Henry Winkler as dastardly Captain Hook the bad guy you'll love to hate, Strictly Come Dancing favourite Louisa Lytton as Peter and hilarious comedian Andy Ford as Smee, this will be an adventure you will never never forget!

Peter Pan is showing at Milton Keynes Theatre from December 5 to January 18.

Hook your tickets now by calling 0870 060 6652 (booking fee) or visit www.miltonkeynestheatre.com

The tickets are for a maximum of two adults.

HOW TO ENTER

All you have to do to enter is tell us where Hook's hook is in the picture above. Send your answer on a postcard to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 ODU or by e-mail to competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

The first correct answer drawn out of the hat wins. The editor's decision is final and the closing date for entries is Tuesday, December 23.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas

MK News will be publishing as usual over Christmas

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Hub's Ramada gig a sell-out

A NEW music event launched in the hub was 'soul'd out'.

The show, called Perform@thehub, featured a mix of jazz, soul, latin, rhythm and blues and world music.

The headline act was double Grammy award winning singer Junior, right, who came to the Ramada Encore hotel in Milton Keynes fresh from performing at the 02 Arena in London.

The venue also came alive with the soulful sounds of Heidi Vogel, Murray Hockridge, Vivienne Mckone, Aisling and the house band Mi5 delivered quivering chilled out music.

Clem Curtis, lead singer of soul band The Foundations famous for 'Build me up Buttercup', was invited to the launch as a guest but did an impromptu leap onto the stage and joined in.

People came from miles around to witness the unveiling of what is destined to become CMK's answer to Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London.

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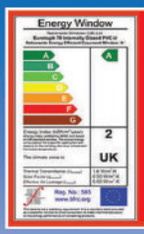

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CITY health professionals are urging people not to over-indulge this Christmas.

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Instead, strive to maintain your weight; have regular meals and balance party eating by choosing less energy dense foods at other times of the day.

If you do treat yourself to the odd high energy food that you can't resist, have a small portion, eat it slowly, and enjoy every bite.

Gillian West, health promotion dietitian for Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: "If you are seeking to manage your weight, make your New Year's Resolution a positive one that you can keep - learn to choose healthier options, go for smaller portions, have five portions of fruit and vegetables a day, and include more physical activity".

Brides on telly

A NEW TV programme is calling for brides who are getting married early next year.

The series, called 'Four Weddings' for Living TV, will follow four brides who attend and judge each others' weddings giving every aspect of the day, from the food to the dress, a score.

The bride with the highest score at the end wins an amazing honeymoon.

The production company are keen to hear from brides that are getting married between January and July 2009.

E-mail weddings@granadamedia.com for further information (all applicants must be over 18).

Safety first at car park

THE hospital's new muti-storey car park has been awarded for safety.

Milton Keynes Hospital's car park has been given 'Park Mark' status following a visit by the British Parking Association.

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The Safer Parking Scheme is an initiative of the Association of Chief Police Officers aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime in parking facilities.

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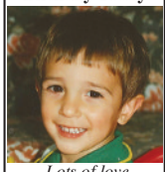

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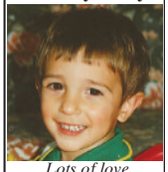

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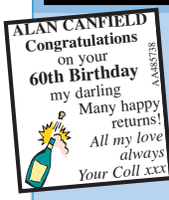

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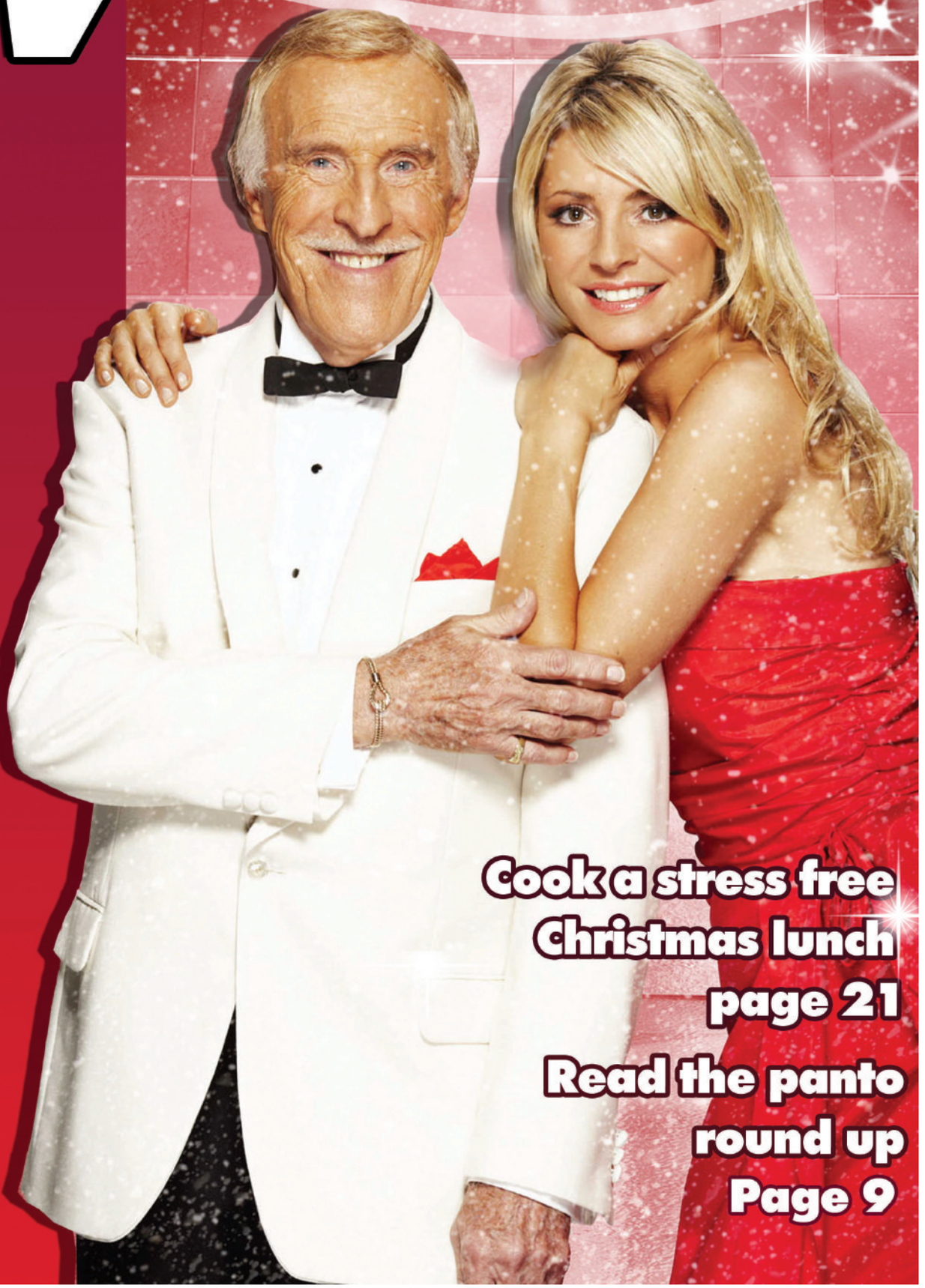

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Christmas TV Guide 2008

FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS FILMS

EVERYONE has a favourite Christmas film.

There's nothing better than getting out your old videos and DVDs snuggling up on a cold winter's evening, pouring yourself a hot drink, getting out the nibbles and settling down in front of the box for a couple of hours.

But which films will be giving you Christmas cheer this year?

Firstly there are the classic Christmas movies. A classic normally means it has to be at least 20 years old, is shown every year and is as much a part of Christmas as turkey. Some are even (close your ears kids) made in black and white!

These first two tick all of the classic boxes.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE is a 1946 American film produced and directed by Frank Capra.

The film takes place in the fictional town of Bedford Falls shortly after the Second World War and stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve gains the attention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers) who is sent to help him in his hour of need.

Much of the film is told through flashbacks spanning George's entire life and narrated by Franklin and Joseph, unseen Angels who are preparing Clarence for his mission to save George. Through these flashbacks we see all the people whose lives have been touched by George and the difference he has made to the community in which he lives.

Go on don't cry – I dare you.

Next up is **SCROOGE**, the 1951 version starring Alistair Sims as Ebenezer Scrooge is one of the most well-known film adaptations of Dickens', A Christmas Carol.

The same storyline was given a musical twist to great success in 1970 with Albert Finney in the lead role,

While **SCROOGED**, starring Bill Murray, is a comedy bringing the Dickens novel bang up to date.

But possibly the best adaptation of the classic story (in my humble opinion) is **THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL** which features Kermit, Miss Piggy and an excellent Michael Caine in the lead role.

Ask people which film first featured the classic song White Christmas and most would answer logically White Christmas.

However the 1942 Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire flick Holiday Inn is the correct answer featuring music scored by the legendary Irving Berlin.

Twelve years later the film White Christmas was released also starring Bing Crosby and the music of Berlin but also featured Danny Kaye.

There are two versions of the classic **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET**, the 1947 original and the best known 90s favourite starring Richard Attenborough.

SANTA CLAUS: THE MOVIE is a 1985 Christmas film starring Dudley Moore and John Lithgow.

The film is a favourite with kids as it explores many of the main Santa issues such as how do his reindeer fly, why does he live in the North Pole and how does he come down those chimneys?

THE SANTA CLAUSE (1994) is a Christmas film released by Walt Disney Pictures starring Tim Allen. Scott Calvin is a father who finds himself contractually bound to become Santa Claus when he unintentionally puts on the previous Santa's suit hence the 'clause' in the title, the success of this film has spawned two sequels.

Other notable favourites for all the family at this time of year include

DR SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS brought fantastically to life by Jim Carrey, the timeless **HOME ALONE** with a very young Macaulay Culkin, the award winning **POLAR EXPRESS** voiced by Tom Hanks and the hilarious comedy **ELF** with Will Ferrell in the lead role as Buddy the Elf.

Happy Christmas viewing.

DAVID GALE

FILM REVIEWS

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Cam Gigandet as James, Edi Gathegi as Laurent and Rachelle Lefevre as Victoria star in Twilight at a cinema near you from Friday

TWILIGHT (12A)

From Friday

Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Ashley Greene, Peter Facinelli, Elizabeth Reaser, Jackson Rathbone, Nikki Reed, Kellan Lutz, Taylor Lautner

WHEN Bella (Stewart) relocates to the drizzly town of Forks, she meets the Cullens, a family of vampires who can control their desire to feed on humans. She falls in love with Edward Cullen (Pattinson), who sees in her the soulmate he's been searching for. However, so appealing is her scent, he must battle his desire to drink her blood, the heroine akin to the vampire's own personal heroin.

DEAN SPANLEY (U)

Jeremy Northam, Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, Peter O'Toole

Now showing

IN1930s London, gentleman Fisk (Northam) attends a lecture about reincarnation with his father. Spotting a clergyman (Neill) there, Fisk becomes curious about his views and invites him to dinner, during which Dean Spanley hints of a previous life. Intrigued, Fisk determines to find out more.

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG)

Ben Stiller

Now showing

ATTEMPTING to reach home, the quartet of New York zoo animals and assorted hangers-on crash-land on the African mainland. As the wily penguins set about another escape plan, Alex the lion (Stiller) re-discovers his heritage.

TRANSPORTER 3 (15)

Jason Statham, Robert Knepper, Justin Rodgers Hall, Eriq Ebouaney

Now showing

ICE-COOL driver Frank Martin (Statham) is forced into action when a terrorist (Knepper) straps a bomb to his wrist and insists he transport the kidnapped daughter (Rudakova) of a politician to a rendezvous. Should be easy – until Frank falls for the girl.

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (12A)

Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah, Jennifer Hudson, Sophie Okonedo, Paul Bettany, Alicia Keys

Now showing

SOUTH Carolina, 1964. Haunted by the death of her mother, 14 year-old Lily (Fanning) seeks solace with her housekeeper Rosaleen (Hudson). When the pair go on the run after Rosaleen is racially attacked, they find refuge with the bee-keeping Boatwright sisters.

THE CHILDREN (15)

Rachel Shelley, Hannah Tointon, Eva Sayer, Jeremy Sheffield, Eva Birthistle, Rafiella Brooks

Now showing

A FAMILY holiday takes a terrifying turn when the children develop murderous designs

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (15)

Samuel L Jackson, Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington

Now showing

INTER-RACIAL couple Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa (Kerry Washington) buy a home in upscale LA and earn the disapproval of Abel Turner (Samuel L Jackson), the widowed black beat cop next door, who has strict 'rules' about things – and ways to enforce them.

THE GIRL IN THE PARK (15)

Sigourney Weaver, Kate Bosworth, Alessandro Nivola

Now showing

TRAUMATISED by the disappearance of her daughter 15 years ago, Julia (Sigourney Weaver) meets a streetwise young woman who seems strangely familiar. Could this be the missing girl?

CHANGELING

Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, Jason Butler Harner, Jeffrey Donovan

Now showing

IN Los Angeles in 1928, a desperate mother (Angelina Jolie) is searching for her missing son only for him to be mysteriously returned to her a few months later. However, she soon discovers that he's not her little boy at all.

BEDTIME STORIES

Adam Sandler

From Boxing Day

THE life of a busy architect takes a crazy turn when the bedtime stories he tells his niece and nephew start to come true.

FAR NORTH (12A)

Michelle Yeoh, Sean Bean, Michelle Krusiec, Neeru Agarwal

From Boxing Day

(YEOH) is cursed: all who love her, she's been told by a shaman, are doomed. So she ekes out a nomadic existence on Arctic plains, with only her daughter (Krusiec) and huskies for company. Until, that is, escaped POW Loki (Bean) bursts into her life.

WINGED CREATURES

Forest Whitaker, Kate Beckinsale, Guy Pearce, Dakota Fanning

From January 2

BASED on the novel by Roy Frierich, the survivors of a hellish restaurant massacre must each travel their own route to redemption, as they finally come to to grips with their own mortality...

THE SPIRIT

Gabriel Macht, Samuel L Jackson, Scarlett Johansson, Eva Mendes, Jaime King, Paz Vega

From January 2

ROOKIE cop Denny Colt (Gabriel Macht) is killed in the line of duty but he soon returns from the grave as The Spirit, a hero whose personal mission is to fight against Central City's forces of evil and the implacable crime kingpin known as The Octopus (Samuel L Jackson).

CHE PART ONE

Benicio Del Toro, Javier Bardem, Franka Potente, Benjamin Bratt

From January 2

BIOPIC of charismatic Argentine revolutionary Che Guevara, who became a cult figure after his early death.

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

Jennifer Connelly, Keanu Reeves

Now showing

A REMAKE of the 1951 classic sci-fi film about an alien visitor and his giant robot counterpart who visit Earth.

COMPETITION

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice. We have two pairs to give away.

Tell us what is the title of the original 1920s film about the Phantom of the Opera?

Answers by e-mail to: competitions@mk-news.co.uk
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Closing date Tuesday, December 23.

Wednesday 17th December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** Hospital Heroes (T) **10.00** Homes under the Hammer (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.00** Buy It, Sell It, Bank It? (T) **11.45** Cash in the Attic (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/T) **1.00** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.45** Doctors (T) **2.15** Diagnosis Murder (R/T) **3.00** BBC News (T) **3.05** CBBC: Jakers: The Adventures of Piggley Winks (R/T) **3.25** Maya and Miguel (R/T) **3.50** The Secret Show (R/T) **4.05** The Basil Brush Show (R/T) **4.30** Prank Patrol Pocketsize (R/T) **4.35** Blue Peter (T) **5.00** Newsround (T) **5.15** The Weakest Link (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.30** Regional News and Weather (T)

7.00 The ONE Show (T)
7.30 The Royal Variety Performance 2008 (T)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (T)
10.25 Regional News and Weather (T)
10.33 BBC Weather (T)
10.35 The National Lottery Draws (T)
10.45 Medium (T) (Followed by National Lottery Update)
11.25 FILM: Junior Bonner (1972) (T) **1.10** Weatherview (T) **1.15** Sign Zone: Louis Theroux: Law and Disorder in Philadelphia (R/T) **2.15** Stephen Fry in America (R/T) **3.15** The People's Hospital (R/T) **3.45** Indian Food Made Easy (R/T) **4.15** Helicopter Heroes (R/T) **5.00** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Tikkabilla (R/T) **6.30** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.55** Christmas Storytime with Roly Mo (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Arthur (R/T) **7.25** Newsround (T) **7.27** MySay (R/T) **7.30** Roar (T) **8.30** Postman Pat: SDS (R/T) **8.45** Chuggington (R/T) **9.00** CBeebies: Harry and Toto (R/T) **9.10** Mama Mirabelle's Home Movies (R/T) **9.20** Charlie and Lola (R/T) **9.30** Finley the Fire Engine (R/T) **9.45** The Koala Brothers (R/T) **9.55** Tweenies Songtime (R/T) **10.00** Numberjacks (R/T) **10.15** Get Squiggling (R/T) **10.30** In the Night Garden (R/T) **11.00** Wildlife on Two (R/T) **11.30** The Daily Politics (T) **1.00** See Hear (T) **1.30** Working Lunch (T) **2.00** UK Snooker Championship (T) **5.15** Flog It! Ten of the Best (T) **6.00** Eggheads-Celebrity Special (T) **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two (T)

7.00 UK Snooker Championship (T)
8.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes Christmas Special (R/T)
8.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (T)
9.00 Heroes (T)
9.45 Heroes Unmasked (T)
10.00 Outnumbered (R/T)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (Followed by Weather)
11.20 Louis Theroux: Behind Bars (R/T)
12.20 UK Snooker Championship Highlights (T) **1.10** Long Way Down (R/T) **2.10** Ellery Queen (T) **3.00** Joins BBC News **4.50** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **10.30** The Best of This Morning (T) **11.30** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **12.30** Loose Women (T) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **2.00** House Guest... at Christmas (T) **2.30** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **3.15** Spin Star (T) (Followed by Local Weather) **4.00** Rosemary Shrager's School For Cooks (T) **5.00** Evacuees Reunited (T) **6.00** Anglia Tonight (T) **6.30** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 The Bill (T)
9.00 Police, Camera, Action: Drink Driving Special (New) (T)
10.00 News at Ten and Weather (T)
10.40 The Mystery Of The Missing Earl: Real Crime (New) (T)
11.40 FILM: Boogeyman (2005) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines)
1.15 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R/T) **2.10** Loose Women (R) **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.10 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** Planet Cook (T) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/T) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/T) **8.25** The Class (R/T) **8.55** The Class (R/T) **9.25** Will & Grace (R/T) **9.55** Ugly Betty (R/T) **10.50** Ugly Betty (R/T) **11.45** Great British Brands (R/T) **12.00** News at Noon (T) **12.35** Proud Parents (R/T) **12.45 FILM: Ice Cold in Alex** (1958) (T) **3.15** A Place by the Sea (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge Vs. Santa (T) **5.00** The Paul O'Grady Show: Panto Special (T) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.30** Hollyoaks (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.55 3 Minute Wonder (T)
8.00 Christmas At River Cottage (T)
9.00 Willie's Perfect Chocolate Christmas (T)
10.00 Desperate Housewives (T)
11.05 The Inbetweeners (T)
11.35 Balls Of Steel (R/T)
12.25-1.55 4Music **1.55 FILM: Pom Poko** (1988) (T) **4.00 FILM: Whisper Of The Heart** (1995) (T) **5.50** The Hoobs (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.40** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.22** Christmas Songs (T) **7.30** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.45** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Roobarb and Custard Too (R/T) **8.25** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.40** Pocoyo (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Trisha Goddard (R/T) **10.00** Zoo Days (R/T) **10.20 FILM: Horton Foote's Alone** (1997) (T) **12.30** Five News (T) **12.45** Going for Gold (T) **1.45** Neighbours (T) **2.15** Home and Away (T) **2.50** Going for Gold Extra (T) **3.05 FILM: The Christmas Box** (1995) (T) **5.00** Five News with Matt Barbet (T) **5.30** Neighbours (R/T) **6.00** Home and Away (R/T) **6.30** Vets in Action (T)

7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.30 UEFA Cup Football (T)
10.15 FILM: Hamburger Hill (1987) (T) **12.30** PartyPoker.com Women's World Open II **2.00** NHL **3.30** FIM Motocross **4.20** FIM Motocross **5.10** Neighbours (R/T) **5.35** Home and Away (R/T)

Thursday 18th December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** Hospital Heroes (T) **10.00** Homes under the Hammer (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.00** Buy It, Sell It, Bank It? (T) **11.45** Cash in the Attic (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (T) **1.00** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.45** Doctors (T) **2.15** Diagnosis Murder (R/T) **3.00** BBC News (T) **3.05** CBBC: Jakers: The Adventures of Piggley Winks (R/T) **3.25** Zombie Hotel (R/T) **3.50** The Secret Show (R/T) **4.05** The Basil Brush Show (R/T) **4.30** Bernard (R/T) **4.35** Election (T) **5.00** Newsround (T) **5.15** The Weakest Link (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.30** Regional News and Weather (T)

7.00 The ONE Show (T)
7.30 EastEnders (T)
7.57 BBC News and Regional News (T)
8.00 Wild About Your Garden (T)
8.30 The People's Hospital (T)
9.00 Apparitions (T)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (T)
10.25 Regional News and Weather (T)
10.33 BBC Weather (T)
10.35 One Foot in the Grave (T)
11.25 This Week (T)
12.10 Skiing Weatherview (T) **12.15** Sign Zone: Panorama (R/T) **12.45** Watchdog (R/T) **1.15** Countryfile (R/T) **2.10** An Island Parish (R/T) **2.40** Helicopter Heroes (R/T) **3.25** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Tikkabilla (R/T) **6.30** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.55** Christmas Storytime with Roly Mo (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Arthur (R/T) **7.25** Newsround (T) **7.27** MySay (R/T) **7.30** Roar (T) **8.30** Postman Pat: SDS (R/T) **8.45** Chuggington (R/T) **9.00** CBeebies: Harry and Toto (R/T) **9.10** Mama Mirabelle's Home Movies (R/T) **9.20** Charlie and Lola (R/T) **9.30** Finley the Fire Engine (R/T) **9.45** The Koala Brothers (R/T) **9.55** Tweenies Songtime (R/T) **10.00** Numberjacks (R/T) **10.15** Get Squiggling (R/T) **10.30** In the Night Garden (R/T) **11.00** CBBC: Dangermouse (T) **11.10** The Flintstones (T) **11.35** The Flintstones (T) **12.00** The Daily Politics (T) **12.30** Working Lunch (T) **1.00** Out Of The Blue (T) **1.25** Coast (R/T) **1.30** UK Snooker Championship (T) **5.15** Flog It! Ten of the Best (T) **6.00** Eggheads-Celebrity Special (T) **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two (T)

7.00 UK Snooker Championship (T)
8.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (T)
8.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (T)
9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (T)
9.30 The Graham Norton Show (T)
10.00 Lead Balloon (T)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (Followed by Weather)
11.20 Louis Theroux: The Most Hated Family in America (R/T)
12.20 UK Snooker Championship Highlights (T) **1.10** Seven Days (R/T) **1.55** Seven Days (R/T) **2.40** Joins BBC News **4.30** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **10.30** The Best of This Morning (T) **11.30** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **12.30** Loose Women (T) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **2.00** House Guest... at Christmas (T) **2.30** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **3.15** Spin Star (T) (Followed by Local Weather) **4.00** Rosemary Shrager's School For Cooks (T) **5.00** Evacuees Reunited (T) **6.00** Anglia Tonight (T) **6.30** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 River Walks (T)
8.00 The Bill (T)
9.00 Fat Teens in Love (New) (T)
10.00 News at Ten and Weather (T)
10.40 Life on The Line (T)
11.05 Harry Hill's TV Burp (R/T)
11.35 Anglia Special Edition (R/T)
12.05 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R) **1.00** Motorsport UK (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **1.30** Loose Women (R) **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

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7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.55 3 Minute Wonder (T)
8.00 Come Dine with Me (T)
9.00 Jamie Cooks Christmas (T)
10.00 Star Stories (T)
10.30 The Friday Night Christmas Project With Girls Aloud (R/T)
11.40 The Law of the Playground (R/T)
12.10 The Nokia Green Room: Christmas Special (T) **1.15-1.30** 4Music **1.30** Mesh (R/T) **1.35 FILM: Made in America** (1993) (T) **3.30** Flood (R/T) **3.45** Iraq: The Legacy (R/T) **4.35** 3 Minute Wonder (R/T) **4.40** Hill Street Blues (R) **5.30** INUK (R/T) **5.45** The Hoobs (R/T)

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7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.30 How Do They Do It? (R/T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 Secrets of Egypt: Cleopatra (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 Dangerous Adventures for Boys (T)
10.00 Shops, Robbers and Videotape (R/T)
11.05 Police Interceptors (R/T)
12.05 Quiz Call **4.00** V8 Supercars **4.45** Wildlife SOS (R/T) **5.10** Neighbours (R/T) **5.35** Home and Away (R/T)

Friday 19th December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** Hospital Heroes (T) **10.00** Homes under the Hammer (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.00** Buy It, Sell It, Bank It? (T) **11.45** Cash in the Attic (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/T) **1.00** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.45** Doctors (T) **2.15** Diagnosis Murder (R/T) **3.00** BBC News (T) **3.05** CBBC: Jakers: The Adventures of Piggley Winks (R/T) **3.25** Watch My Chops (R/T) **3.55** The Secret Show (R/T) **4.05** The Basil Brush Show (T) **4.35** Dani's House (T) **5.00** Newsround (T) **5.15** The Weakest Link (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.30** Regional News and Weather (T)

7.00 The ONE Show (T)
7.30 A Question of Sport (T)
7.57 BBC News and Regional News (T)
8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 Parents of the Band (T)
9.00 Have I Got News for You (T)
9.30 Gavin and Stacey (R/T)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (T)
10.25 Regional News and Weather (T)
10.33 BBC Weather (T)
10.35 Live at the Apollo (T)
11.20 National Lottery Euromillions Draw (T)
11.25 Not Going Out (R/T)
11.55 FILM: The Stickup (2001) (T) **1.25** Weatherview (T) **1.30** Sign Zone: James May's Big Ideas (R/T) **2.30** Horizon: Do You Know What Time It Is? (R/T) **3.30** Helicopter Heroes (R/T) **4.15** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Tikkabilla (R/T) **6.30** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.55** Christmas Storytime with Roly Mo (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Arthur (R/T) **7.25** Newsround (R/T) **7.27** MySay (R/T) **7.30** Roar (T) **8.30** Postman Pat: SDS (R/T) **8.45** Chuggington (R/T) **9.00** CBeebies: Harry and Toto (R/T) **9.10** Mama Mirabelle's Home Movies (R/T) **9.20** Charlie and Lola (R/T) **9.30** Finley the Fire Engine (R/T) **9.45** The Koala Brothers (R/T) **9.55** Tweenies Songtime (R/T) **10.00** Numberjacks (R/T) **10.15** Get Squiggling (R/T) **10.30** In the Night Garden (R/T) **11.00** CBBC: Dangermouse (T) **11.10** The Flintstones (T) **11.35** The Flintstones (T) **12.00** The Daily Politics (T) **12.30** Working Lunch (T) **1.00** Out Of The Blue (T) **1.25** Coast (R/T) **1.30** UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final (T) **5.15** Flog It! Ten of the Best (T) **6.00** Eggheads-Celebrity Special (T) **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two (T)

7.30 UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final (T)
8.00 Gardeners' World at Christmas (T)
9.00 Oceans: Arctic Ocean (T)
10.00 QI (R/T)
10.30 Newsnight (T)
11.00 Newsnight Review (T) (Followed by Weather)
11.55 The Culture Show (T)
12.55 UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final Highlights (T) **1.45** Seven Days (R/T) **2.25** Seven Days (R/T) **3.10 FILM: Freddy Got Fingered** (2001) (T) **4.35** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **10.30** The Best of This Morning (T) **11.30** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **12.30** Loose Women (T) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **2.00** House Guest... at Christmas (T) **2.30** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **3.15** Spin Star (T) (Followed by Local Weather) **4.00** Rosemary Shrager's School For Cooks (T) **5.00** Evacuees Reunited (T) **6.00** Anglia Tonight (T) **6.30** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 Airline (R/T)
8.30 Coronation Street (T)
9.00 Foyle's War (R/T)
11.00 The Late News and Weather (T)
11.45 That's What I Call Christmas Television (R/T)
12.45 Heist (R/T) (Followed By ITV News Headlines) **1.30 FILM: Daddy Long Legs** (1955) (T) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.10 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** Planet Cook (T) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/T) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/T) **8.25** The Class (R/T) **8.55** The Class (R/T) **9.25** Will & Grace (R/T) **9.55** Ugly Betty (R/T) **10.55** Ugly Betty (R/T) **11.45** In Your Dreams (R/T) **12.00** News at Noon (T) **12.35** A Brief History Of Fun (R/T) **12.50 FILM: Chariots Of Fire** (1981) (T) **3.15** A Place by the Sea (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge Vs. Santa (T) **5.00** The Paul O'Grady Show (T) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.30** Hollyoaks (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.35 Unreported World (T)
8.00 Jamie At Home Christmas Special (R/T)
9.00 Peter Kay's Britain's Got An Extra Pop Factor And Then Some
10.00 The IT Crowd (T)
10.35 Eddie Izzard - Circle (T)
12.15 Star Stories (R/T) **12.45-1.15** 4Music **1.15** Russell Crowe's South Sydney Story **1.50** Russell Crowe's South Sydney Story **2.15** Goalissimo (T) **3.10** The Avon Tyres British GT Championship (R/T) **3.35** FIA GT Championship 2008 (R/T) **4.05** Transworld Sport (R/T) **4.55** Hill Street Blues (R) **5.45** INUK (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.40** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.30** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.45** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.25** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.40** Pocoyo (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Trisha Goddard (R/T) **10.00** Great Ocean Adventures: The Killer Whale (R/T) **10.50 FILM: Stealing Harvard** (2001) (T) **12.30** Five News (T) **12.45** Going for Gold (T) **1.45** Zoo Days (R/T) **2.15** Home and Away (T) **2.50** Going for Gold Extra (T) **3.10** The Family Recipe (R/T) **3.20 FILM: Beyond the Poseidon Adventure** (1979) (T) **5.30** Five News with Matt Barbet (T) **6.00** Home and Away (R/T) **6.30** Vets in Action (T)

7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.30 How Do They Do It? (R/T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 World's Strongest Man Super Series (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 NCIS (R/T)
10.00 Law and Order: Special Victims Unit (T)
11.00 Law and Order: Special Victims Unit (T)
12.00 Quiz Call **4.00** Wildlife SOS (R/T) **4.25** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **5.10** House Doctor (R/T) **5.35** Home and Away (R/T)

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CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONES

IT'S CHRIIIIISSSTTTMAAAAS!

How many times do you think you will hear Noddy Holder bellowing that one out during this festive season? It's as likely as a hangover after the office Christmas party.

Some say the magic of the Christmas number one has gone. But love it or hate it the battle to be top of the tree is as keenly contested now as it was back in 1952 when the charts first started.

Back in 52, when Christmas had a chance of being white and the shops were closed on Sunday's, Al Martino's 'Here in my heart' stood tall.

Since then some of the most famous names in pop music have tucked into their turkey proud in the knowledge that their tune will ever be associated with Christmas time.

Looking back at the ghost of Christmas number ones they appear to fall into clear categories.

There's the ' Hey everyone, if you haven't noticed its Christmas and lets get those sleigh bells ringing' types such as the aforementioned Merry Christmas Everybody by Wolverhampton's finest, Slade.

There's the' This track has got nothing to do with Christmas but I'm so huge it will go straight to the top anyway' bunch which includes such luminaries as Michael Jackson, The Spice Girls and Queen

The 'Come on have a laugh its Christmas' selection which features rock legends Bob The Builder, Mr Blobby and Benny Hill and of course the 'Happy Cliffmas' category in which the knighted one features on three separate occasions.

None of this of course explains the 1980 abhorrence 'There's no one quite like Grandma' by St Winifred's School Choir.

But what about the classic Chrimbo tracks that fill your festive compilations that didn't make it to number one?

The obvious classic has to be Wham! with Last Christmas. George Michael's little ditty was pipped to the post, not unsurprisingly, by Band Aid's 'Do they know its Christmas' in 1984.

Proving there is no justice in the world The Pogues featuring Kirsty MacColl's absolute gem 'Fairytale of New York' was kept at bay by The Pet Shop Boys electronic cover version of 'Always on my mind' in 1987.

And not even a Ms Santa Claus-clad Mariah Carey (be honest, you know the video) could knock those baby gangsters East 17 off their festive perch in 1994, 'Stay another Day' did just that, infact it stayed there well into 1995.

So who is in with a shout this year I hear you cry. Well, sadly, if the last three years are anything to go by the artist or group is likely to be the winner of this year's X-Factor.

Shame really – come on Noddy, come on Cliff get on the phone to each other and lets get number one Christmassy again.

Altogether now 'Chriiissstmaaas time, mistletoe and wine...

DAVID GALE

CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONE'S SINCE 1980

1980	St Winifred's School Choir	There's No One Quite Like Grandma
1981	The Human League	Don't You Want Me
1982	Renee & Renato	Save Your Love
1983	The Flying Pickets	Only You
1984	Band Aid	Do They Know It's Christmas?
1985	Shakin' Stevens	Merry Christmas Everyone
1986	Jackie Wilson	Reet Petite
1987	The Pet Shop Boys	Always On My Mind
1988	Cliff Richard	Mistletoe & Wine
1989	Band Aid II	Do They Know It's Christmas?
1990	Cliff Richard	Saviours' Day
1991	Queen	Bohemian Rhapsody / These Are The Days Of Our Lives
1992	Whitney Houston	I Will Always Love You
1993	Mr Blobby	Mr Blobby
1994	East 17	Stay Another Day
1995	Michael Jackson	Earth Song
1996	Spice Girls	2 Become 1
1997	Spice Girls	Too Much
1998	Spice Girls	Goodbye
1999	Westlife	I Have A Dream / Seasons In The Sun
2000	Bob The Builder	Can We Fix It?
2001	Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman	Somethin' Stupid
2002	Girls Aloud	Sound Of The Underground
2003	Michael Andrews featuring Gary Jules	Mad World
2004	Band Aid 20	Do They Know It's Christmas?
2005	Shayne Ward	That's My Goal
2006	Leona Lewis	A Moment Like This
2007	Leon Jackson	When You Believe
2008	?????	?????

MUSIC REVIEWS

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SEE, now here's what I reckon a Christmas single is meant to do.

It's supposed to be cheerful and happy and bright and breezy and it's meant to convince you that Christmas is indeed, as Andy Williams would try to persuade you, the most wonderful time of the year.

They're there to comfort you on those cold winter nights while you're wrapping presents for family, friends and (if your work does the Secret Santa thing) work colleagues and to give you a warm glow inside, the sort that tells your brain 'all this is worth it', because let's face it, Christmas songs have a finite lifespan.

As soon as Christmas Day turns into Boxing Day, that's it.

They nosedive out of the charts immediately, regardless of whether they were at No 5 or No 75, and then they lie dormant for another 11 months until the whole cycle starts again.

That's it then, the very best Christmas songs make us feel good and remind us what the festive season is all about, which of course is, er, something, I think.

Now that would be fine, but unfortunately the humble seasonal song has a pretty major hurdle to overcome if it's to truly make it.

You see, Christmas songs comprehensively fly in the face of what really happens in the run-up to Christmas.

When Paul McCartney was singing about having a wonderful Christmastime, he'd obviously never tried parking in Milton Keynes on a Saturday morning in mid-December.

What happens? You venture further and further away from the shops trying to find a space until you end up parking nearer your own house than the shopping centre.

Then, once you do finally get inside the World's Biggest Greenhouse, it's packed so full of people hunting for presents and bargains it makes a Tube train look roomy.

Let's face it folks, when the run-in to Christmas is that hectic and stressful, you need a festive and jolly song to raise the spirits.

Yes, it's a cruel and unforgiving world out there.

But just for three minutes or so it's nice to forget about that and think happythoughts instead.

> That's not to say it's a bad song, it's not, but it's a Christmas single in the same way that Die Hard is a Christmas movie

IS THIS CHRISTMAS?

The Wombats

THIS doesn't do the trick. It's got a brass band (of sorts), some bells, but aside from that it's a tirade about spending the festive period with the family.

That's not to say it's a bad song, it's not, but it's a Christmas single in the same way that Die Hard is a Christmas movie.

Even though it probably won't get picked for any future festive compilations, I like it.

STOP THE CAVALRY

Jona Lewie

ON the other hand, this is one of the best Christmas songs there is, even though it's a Christmas song by accident, it's actually a war song.

Yeah, it's got a brass band and plenty of bells, but the only time Christmas is mentioned is when the protagonist sings about wanting to be with his other half during the holiday season.

Actually, that's probably why it works so well – it doesn't hype things up and it takes the matter-of-fact approach. Top marks for this one.

WARM THIS WINTER

Gabriella Cilmi

OF course, if you haven't got your own song you could always nick someone else's.

This is an ancient Connie Francis number that reached the giddy heights of No 48 back in 1962, so hats off to Ms Cilmi for not choosing an obvious song to re-record.

To be honest, this is actually rather good; there's no brass band, no sleighbells, no wishing it could be Christmas every day, just a happy little tune that's been given the sort of production that Phil Spector would've been proud of if he'd done it, which he didn't because he's otherwise engaged, and a singer who sounds like she enjoyed recording it.

Textbook, in other words.

JINGLE BELLS (BASS)

Basshunter

THERE'S perfect, brilliant, good, average, below average, so bad it's good, bad, awful, terrible, criminal and Jingle Bells (Bass).

This song has its very own category, bless its heart. This song is genuinely, terrifying, unforgivingly awful.

On the other hand, I can't for one second believe that he actually meant for this song to be a classic.

Here's what you have – Basshunter sings Jingle Bells, the backing tune is the usual helping of what apparently passes for 'hardcore' these days, and then a deep voice proclaims 'Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the Jingle Bass'.

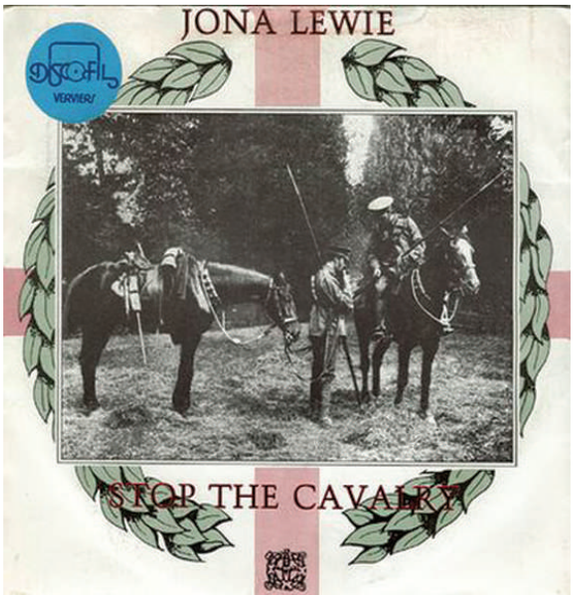
I don't really need to say anything about that, so here's another quote for you: 'Let me hear you say ho, ho, ho'.

I think not.

Terrible as it is, I can't knock it too much because this can't have been recorded for any reason other than 'we've still got the recording studio for another half hour, let's do something for a laugh' – however if he meant it ... no, I don't want to even contemplate the possibility and neither should you.

It is the season to be jolly, after all.

SIMON DARNELL



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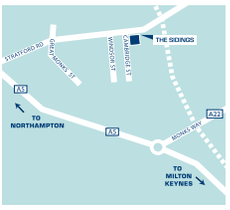

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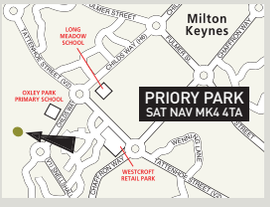

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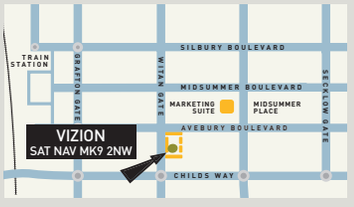

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THE STABLES 280800

JOHN AND CLEO'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

Thursday to Saturday, December 18-20, 8pm
Matinee performance Sunday, December 21, 3pm

Every Christmas since 1970 the Dankworth family (and near-family) have staged their now famous Yuletide event first for a single night, then increasing to multiple appearances to satisfy the ever-growing demand. It's an inimitable experience – a party atmosphere, a few jokes, fabulous music and some surprises along the way! Come along and kick off the festive season in true Stables style!

Tickets £25, £27.50, £30

HEIDI - A GOAT'S TAIL/TALE

A new version by Andrew Pollard
Directed by Adam Sunderland

Tuesday, December 23 – Sunday, January 11

IT'S winter and the goats are locked up in the barn for the night. What mischief do they get up to when they discover torn pages from a book called Heidi?

Treat the whole family to an evening of wonderful silliness as a bunch of cheeky goats perform their own take on Heidi. This witty tale-within-a-tale is downright daft, packed with mad 'goatie' humour and hilarious episodes that will surprise and delight whatever your age.

Loosely based on the classic children's tale, Heidi skillfully combines simple staging with breathtaking theatrical invention, music, song and dance, setting your imagination alight. Come and experience physical and visual storytelling at its very best in this hugely entertaining family show brought to you by one of the country's finest national touring theatre companies.

Most suitable for everyone aged 5-plus

Tickets from £9 to £19.50. Call the Box Officeon 01908 280800 for details and show times.

THE PITZ 660392

EXIT TEN

Plus Bury Tomorrow, Rise Inside and Altersketch

Friday, December 19

THE Pitz finish their year with a real bang as one of the UK's most exciting and popular rock/metal bands, Exit Ten, hit town.

Exit Ten are now poised to take the step up from the underground and confirm themselves as a musical force to be reckoned with.

A five piece from Reading, this year released their first full-length album 'Remember The Day', so far there has been two singles released from the it.

Bury Tomorrow, these Hampshire boys are definitely on their way to becoming a leading name in the UK metalcore scene with their shredding, thunderous metal.

Two of this years Band Blitz finalists are amung the support acts, Rise Inside (alt/metal/ambient) six piece that create something fresh and innovative and AlterSketch a four piece alternative rock outfit jammin it out with the volume cranked up.

Tickets £7. Doors 7.30pm

CLUBS AND PUBS

OCEANA

Xscape 670976

Three different clubs in one with the Rhythm Room, Ice House Reykjavik and New York Disco. Two bars, Russia Bar and Parisian Boudoir, plus VIP suites, booths. Over 18s Sunday-Thursday, over 19s Fridays and over 20s Saturdays. Dress code is smart casual.

SPICE LOUNGE DISCOTHEQUE

Theatre District 237400

REVAMPED under a new retro identity the Spice Lounge is now a disco venue. Party music from the 80s, 90s and the noughties. Open on Friday and Saturdays only. 9am-2am. Over 21s only.

THE LIVING ROOM

thehub:mk 608643

MUSIC from a local musician on the baby grand piano every night at the swank bar. The Living Room features an upmarket restaurant and an outdoor terrace overlooking the central piazza. Food is served from midday until late.

REVOLUTION

Xscape 679875

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OPUS

Theatre District john@opusmk.com

A BOUTIQUE bar with live DJs playing a mixture of house and chart tracks over two floors. Fridays DJ Rich Cole spins R'n'B, chart hit and requests on the bottom floor, while Matt Oakey plays funky house and electro upstairs. www.opusmk.com for guest list entry. Dress code is casual cool.

LLOYDS NO 1

Theatre District 558905

POPULAR bar on two levels with a large dance floor and giant disco ball. DJs play into the early hours at weekends. Free entry. Drinks and food are reasonably priced.

BUDDHA BLUE

Theatre District 241243
info@buddhablue.co.uk

A MIX of garage, baseline and R'n'B are played at the youngest night club in the Theatre District. Entry is £7 before midnight, £10 after. VIP is £15. Dress code is smart.

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FIRST BASE

Xscape 295222

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SLUG AND LETTUCE

Theatre District 395147

BAR that offers wide range of bottled and draught beers from around the world, quality wines and classic cocktails. Outdoor seating.

ALL BAR ONE

Midsummer Boulevard 397216

STYLISH cosmopolitan bar aimed at people who enjoy great drinks and food in a contemporary environment.

CRAUFORD ARMS

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PUB with live music on Fridays. £4. Doors 7.30pm.

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Newport Pagnell 211495

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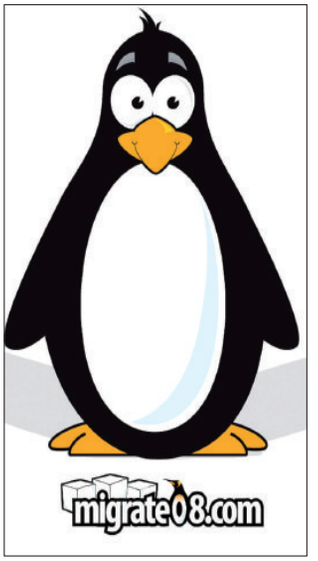
XSCAPE



P P Pickup a penguin at Xscape.

Hoards of the comical birds have migrated to the malls of Xscape, unable to resist the cool surroundings of its centrepiece, a giant igloo. It is thought that the feathered creatures will spend the entire winter season here, reading stories, performing in puppet shows, hosting games and taking part in shows and story-telling sessions during the Christmas holiday.

"We are also welcoming a range of local talent this year to perform from our 'igloo-in-the-round'. Audiences will be able to see acts from any point around the stage, as it will slowly rotate throughout each performance. This will also include our models who will display lines from our retailers in a slightly unconventional way," said Xscape Marketing Manager, Steven Gordon-Wilson.

The centre was recently awarded 'UK's Most Visited Attraction' by Visit Britain. The winter extravaganza is likely to honour this title, particularly as it will be snowing in the igloo, on the hour every hour,

For all the details about fun at Xscape visit www.xscape.co.uk. Or, to win some fantastic prizes, and to watch Sidney and Clive on their migration to Xscape, click on www.migrate08.com

Saturday 20th December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen (T) **11.30** Indian Food Made Easy (R/T) **12.00** BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather) **12.10** Football Focus (T) **1.00** Racing from Ascot and Show Jumping (T) **2.30** UK Snooker Championship (T) **4.30** Final Score (T) **5.20** BBC News (T) **5.35** Regional News and Weather (T) **5.40** Hole in the Wall (R/T) **6.10** Outtake TV (T) **6.40** Strictly Come Dancing (T)

7.55 The National Lottery Draws (T)
8.10 Casualty (T)
9.00 Strictly Come Dancing: Results (T)
9.45 Outnumbered (T)
10.15 BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather)
10.30 Match of the Day (T)
11.40 FILM: Snake Eyes (1998) (T)

1.15 Weatherview (T) **1.20** Sign Zone: Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/T) **1.50** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/T) **2.20** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/T) **2.50** The Hairy Bakers' Christmas Special (R/T) **3.50** Stephen Fry in America (R/T) **4.50** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Roar (T) **8.00** The Secret Show (R/T) **8.15** Sportsround (T) **8.30** Watch My Chops (R/T) **8.40** Bernard (R/T) **8.45** Bear Behaving Badly (R/T) **9.10** CBeebies: Help! Teach is Coming to Stay (R/T) **10.10** What's New Scooby Doo? (R/T) **10.30** ChuckleVision (R/T) **10.45** ChuckleVision (R/T) **11.00** The Infinite Quest (R/T) **11.50 FILM: The Nightmare before Christmas** (1993) (T) **1.00** Natural World (R/T) **1.50 FILM: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont** (2005) (T) **3.30** Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two (R/T) **4.30** UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final (T) **5.00** A Wild Cairngorms Winter (T) **5.30 FILM: Dad's Army** (1971) (T)

7.00 UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final (T)
9.10 Porridge (R/T)
9.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You (R/T)
10.25 FILM: V For Vendetta (2005) (T)

12.25 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (R/T) **12.55** UK Snooker Championship: Semi-Final Highlights (T) **1.45 FILM: Santee** (1973) (T) **3.15** Joins BBC News **4.50** This Is BBC Two

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6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** CITV: Captain Mack (T) **9.40** Emu (T) **9.55** My Parents Are Aliens (R/T) **10.25** My Parents Are Aliens (R/T) **10.55** My Life as a Popat (T) **11.25** Finger Tips (T) **11.45** Finger Tips (T) **12.05** Tricky Quickies (R/T) **12.10** ITV News and Weather (T) **12.20** Anglia News and Weather (T) **12.25** Coronation Street Omnibus (T) **2.40 FILM: Honey** (2003) (T) **4.30** Britannia High Behind the Scenes (T) **5.30** Britannia High (T) **6.35** Anglia News and Weather (T) **6.45** ITV News and Weather (T) **6.55** You've Been Framed! (R/T)

7.25 Harry Hill's TV Burp (T)
7.55 All Star Mr and Mrs Christmas Special (T)
8.55 For One Night Only (T)
9.55 FILM: Mission: Impossible II (2000) (T)
10.55 ITV News and Weather (T) (Followed by Local Weather)
11.10 FILM: Mission: Impossible II (2000) (T)

12.25 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R/T) **1.20 FILM: Duel** (1971) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **2.35 FILM: Frankie and Johnny** (1966) (T) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 The Treacle People (R/T) **6.10** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.00** Goalissimo (R/T) **8.00** The Morning Line (T) **8.55** T4: Orange Unsignedact (R/T) **9.55** Friends (R/T) **10.25** 4music Top Tunes of 2008 (T) **11.30** Friends (R/T) **12.00** Movie Special (T) **12.30** 101 Challenges (T) **1.20** Movie Special (T) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing From Haydock Park, Newcastle And Lingfield Park (T) **3.55** Supernanny USA (T) **4.45 FILM: Bugsy Malone** (1976) (T) **6.30** Channel 4 News (T) **6.55** Come Dine With Me At Christmas (R/T)

8.00 Willie's Perfect Chocolate Christmas (R/T)
9.00 FILM: A Knight's Tale (2001) (T)
11.35 FILM: Hidden (2005) (T)

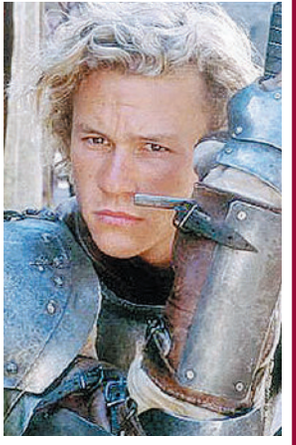
1.50 Pagans (R/T) **2.55 FILM: How to Marry a Billionaire** (2000) **4.30** Hill Street Blues (R) **5.20** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Sunrise **7.00** Milkshake! Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs (R/T) **7.10** Chiro (T) **7.20** Music Box (R/T) **7.30** Hana's Helpline (R/T) **7.40** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.55** Little Princess (R/T) **8.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **8.30** The Beeps (R/T) **8.50** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **9.00** Rupert Bear (R/T) **9.15** Show (R/T) **9.45** Roobarb and Custard Too (R/T) **10.00** The Gadget Show (R/T) **11.00** World's Strongest Man Super Series (R/T) **12.00** Herod the Great: The True Story (R/T) **1.00** Zoo Days (R/T) **1.30 FILM: Salt Water Moose** (1996) (T) **3.30 FILM: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus** (2004) (T) **5.10 FILM: Farscape: The Peacekeeper Wars** (2004) (T)

7.45 Five News and Sport (T)
8.00 NCIS (R/T)
9.00 CSI: NY (R/T)
10.00 CSI: NY (R/T)
11.00 Law and Order: Criminal Intent (R/T)

12.00 Quiz Call **4.05** Wildlife SOS (R/T) **4.30** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **5.15** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T)



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IT'S that time of the year again (oh yes it is!) It's the perfect chance for all the family to get away from the telly and go and enjoy some traditional festive fun and games at the panto. Nowhere else in the world can you find a performance like a good old British panto where men dress as woman and women pretend to be men. Pantos have been making audiences laugh, shout and cry since the middle ages and this years crop across the region should be no different. Here is our handy guide of where to go to find your perfect pantomime.

Henry Winkler as Captain Hook Louisa Lytton as Peter and Andy Ford as Smee in Peter Pan at MK Theatre

PETER PAN

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Until January 18

DO you believe in fairies? Fly away with MK Theatre this Christmas on a spectacular journey of wonder and excitement into the magical world of Neverland.

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This yea's cast features iconic American actor Henry Winkler as the dastardly Captain Hook, star of Eastenders, The Bill and Strictly Come Dancing Louisa Lytton playing peter and funny man Andy Ford as Smee.

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SNOW WHITE

Stantonbury Campus Theatre

December 23 to January 4

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Check the website www.mkaos.co.uk†for full details of dates and times.

Tickets are just £12 for adults and £8 for children and concessions.

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ALADDIN

Leighton Buzzard Theatre

January 7 to 24

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CINDERELLA

Royal & Derngate, Northampton

December 12 to January 11.

INTERNATIONAL pop sensation Jimmy Osmond will be heading the cast for this glittering and spectacular family pantomime, Cinderella

Making his panto debut in Northampton, Jimmy will be playing the loveable Buttons.

The cast also includes comedian Peter Piper as Baron Hardup, Danielle York as Cinderella, Ryan Dawson as Prince Charming, and Brian Godfrey and Darren Southworth as the hilariously hateful Ugly Sisters.

Tickets from £14.00 to £22.00.

For more information or to book tickets call the Box Office on 01604 624811 or visit the theatre's website at www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Grove Theatre, Dunstable

December 12 to January 4

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SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Wycombe Swan Theatre, High Wycombe

December 12 to January 11

MIRROR, Mirror....on the wall...where can I find the best panto of them all.

Starring Linda Lusardi fresh from her stint on ITV's Dancing on Ice alongside her husband Sam Kane, who was last seen at Wycombe Swan in Hot Flush the Musical.

Following last year's record breaking run and hugely popular Cinderella, this will be another dazzling fairytale guaranteed to melt everyone's hearts.

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ALADDIN

Bedford Corn Exchange

December 28 to January 3

THE Bedford Pantomime Company bring on the dancing girls, the pyrotechnics, the magic and Chiltern Radio's breakfast show DJ Tony Dibbin as Wishey-Washey.

His sidekick, Emma Saint, will provide the love interest as the princess wooed by Leanne Pettit as the heroic Aladdin.

Local ladyboy Keith Pendall will be subtly applying half a ton of mascara and getting his most glamorous frocks out again for the role of Widow Twankey.

As in previous years, the company will be raising much-needed funds for charity; Autism Bedfordshire will be enjoying the benefits in 2009.

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NEW YORKER salami, pepperoni, sausage, spicy beef	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
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VEGI FANTASTIC fresh garlic, onion, olives, peppers, aubergine, herbs	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
ORIENTAL chinese chicken, pineapple, peppers	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
CHICKEN TIKKA tandoori chicken, mushroom, peppers, sweetcorn	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
CALZONE ROLLED PIZZA spicy beef, sausage, ham*, mushroom	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
VENICE SPECIAL pepperoni spicy beef, ham* mushroom, onion, peppers, sweetcorn	£11.00	£13.00	£17.00
AMERICAN HOT pepperoni, onion, chillies, peppers	£10.00	£12.00	£16.00
VEGI MAX HOT mushroom, onion, peppers, jalapenos, sweetcorn	£10.00	£12.00	£16.00
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Chicken Burger & Chips	3.95
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Extra Piece of Chicken	1.00
Steak (8oz Sirloin) with Chips, Mushrooms & Salad	9.00
Large Doner Kebab	4.50
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PIZZA MENU

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1

Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawn, Anchovies, Chicken, Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Pineapple, Ham, Salami, Pepperoni, Chicken Tikka, Olives, Mushrooms, Corn, Onions, Pepper, Garlic, Jalepeno, BBQ Sauces	9" Standard	12" Standard	12" Deep Pan Mega	Extra Lg 15" Standard
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3. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
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6. PESTATORE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
7. NEW YORKER Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Salami, Beef, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
8. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
9. CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
10. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	12.00	14.00	16.00	19.00
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12. TEXAN BBQ Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
13. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00

SIDE ORDERS

French Fries	1.20
Coleslaw	1.40
Garlic Bread	1.50
Garlic Bread with Mozzarella Topping	2.50
Prawn Cocktail	2.70
Garlic Mushrooms	1.70
Salad	1.50
Chicken Dippers (6pcs)	3.00
Combo Chicken Dipper (6pcs) Potato Wedges & 3 Dips	4.90
Potato Wedges	2.00
Dips 2 Potato Skins filled with Mozzarella & BBQ Dip	0.35
BBQ Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Hot Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Onion Rings (10pcs)	2.00
NEW BBQ Spare Ribs	4.50

DESSERTS

Cheesecake	1.50
Gateaux	1.50
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6	AMERICANA Onion, Pepperoni, Beef, Green Chillies & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
7	MEXICANA Chicken Tikka, Jalepenos, Peppers, & Pineapple	9.50	12.50	15.50
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12	FREE CHOICE Choose 4 Toppings - Choose a Base from Tomato, BBQ, Garlic Mayo & Chilli	10.50	13.50	16.50
13	DONER PIZZA Doner Meat, Onions & Jalepenos	9.50	12.50	16.00
14	GRAND TANDOORI CHICKEN Topping, Red Onion, Green Chilli, Tandoori Chicken, Garlic Sauce & Fresh Coriander	9.50	12.50	16.00
15	CHICKEN BBQ PIZZA BBQ base, Onion, Turkey Meat & BBQ Chicken	9.50	12.50	16.00
16	ORIENTAL EXPRESS Sweetcorn, Green Pepper, Chinese Chicken & Red Onion	9.50	12.50	16.00

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SEEK KEBAB Served with fresh naan	3.50	4.00
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CHICKEN DONNA Served with fresh naan	4.50	--

TOPPINGS

EXTRA TOPPINGS: Onion, Muchroom, Sweetcorn, Green Chilli, Jalepeno, Pineapple, Tomato, Chicken Tikka, Plain Chicken, Pepperoni, Beef, Tuna, Anchovies & Prawns.

	10"	12"	15"
EXTRA TOPPINGS	0.70	0.90	1.00
STUFFED CRUST	0.90	1.20	1.90
CHEESE PEPPERONI CRUST	1.00	1.30	2.00

BURGERS

VEGGIE BURGER	2.50
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FISH BURGER	2.50
CHICKEN FILLET BURGER	2.50
1/4 POUNDER BURGER	2.50
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NAAN BREAD	1.10
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Mexican Passion Mexican Chicken, Red Peppers, Pineapple & Jalapeno Peppers	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Hot Tator Ground Beef, Onion, Green Peppers & Jalapeno Peppers	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95

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Pepperoni Plus, Double Pepperoni, Mushrooms & Onions	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Meaty One Ham, Pepperoni, Beef, Spicy Pork	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Free Choice Any 4 toppings of your choice	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Alligator Pepperoni, lamb, Beef, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Salami	£9.95	£12.95	£14.95
Meatball Feast BBQ Sauce, Meatballs, Pepperoni, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Smokey Sausage	£9.95	£12.95	£14.95

Stuffed Edge Surcharges

Stuffed Edge with Cheese/with cheese & Pepperoni/ with Garlic & Herbs	£1.00	£1.20	£1.40

Extra Toppings

Create your own pizza by using a Cheese and Tomato as a base then add your choice of toppings from the following

	£0.90	£1.00	£1.10
Meat Toppings	Chicken Toppings	Seafood Toppings	Vegetable Toppings
Pepperoni, Salami	Tandoori Chicken	Tuna	Pineapple, Mushrooms,
Garlic Sausage	Chinese Chicken	Anchovies	Sweetcorn, Green Peppers
Smokey Sausage	Plain Chicken	Prawns	Red peppers, Onions,
Ham, Spicy Pork	Mexican Chicken		Fresh Tomato, Green Chillies
Beef			Aubergine, Fresh Garlic,
			Jalapeno peppers, Black Olives, Spinach, Broccoli

Starters

Garlic Bread (4pcs)	£1.70	With Cheese (4pcs)	£2.20
Cheesy Garlic Pizza Bread (7")	£3.50	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks (8pcs)	£3.95
Potato Twisters (Per Portion)	£2.95	Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.95
Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.95	Potato Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£3.95
Pototo Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£4.95	Jalapeno Peppers Cream cheese (6pcs)	£3.95
Onion Rings (10 rings)	£2.50		
Dips, garlic & Mayonnaise, BBQ, Chilli, Sour Cream, Garlic & Herb			£0.30
Spicy Chicken Wings (8pcs)	£3.95	BBQ Wings (8pcs)	£3.95
Chicken Nuggets (6pcs)	£2.50	Southern Fried Mr Chicken (6pcs)	£3.95
BBQ Ribs (1.2 rack)	£3.95		

Pasta

Spaghetti Bolognese	£4.95	Vegetable Lasagne	£4.95
Meat Lasagne	£4.95	Chicken & Mushroom Pasta	£4.95

Salad

Salad Bar Onion, lettuce, fresh tomato, cucumber, coleslaw, ham, sweetcorn, green peppers, olives, cheese, tuna, chicken			£3.50
Green Salad	£2.50	Coleslaw	£1.50

Ice Cream

Haagen Daas 500ml, Vanilla, Choc Chips, Strawberry & Cream, Cookies & Cream, Baileys & Cream	£3.95
House Ice Cream, Dairy, Strawberry, Chocolate, Caramel Coffee	£4.95

Desserts

Tennessee Toffee Pie	£2.50	Chocolate Fudge Cake	£2.50
Strawberry Cheese Cake	£2.50	Banoffi Pie	£2.50

Cold Drinks

Coke, 7-UP, Fanta, Diet Coke (Can)	£0.70	Bottle	£1.70

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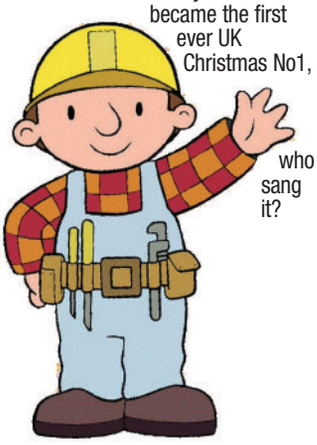
Christmas quiz

MOVIES

1. Who played Bad Santa in the movie of the same name in 2003?
2. In "Elf" at 6'4" tall Will Ferrell plays the stand out lead role but was his name?
3. Played by Alastair Sim in 1951 and George C. Scott in 1984 who is this Dickens character?
4. In 1993 Jack Skellington tried to take over Christmas in which movie?
5. Who played the two male leads in the 1954 film "White Christmas"?
6. John Call plays Santa but who does Santa Claus conquer in this 1964 B movie?
7. How did Tim Allen kill Santa in "The Santa Clause"?
8. Who plays TV executive in the 1988 comedy "Scrooged"?
9. What was the name of the angel that helped James Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
10. In which movie is Santa Claus put on trial?

CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONES

1. In 2005, who became the first X Factor winner to have a Christmas No1?
2. Name Elvis Presleys only UK Christmas No1?
3. In 1955 Dicky Valentine had the first xmas No1 with the word Christmas in the title, what was it?
4. In what year did Bob the Builder 'Fix It' to get the top spot?
5. How many Christmas No1's have The Spice Girls had?
6. What 'Song' did Micheal Jackson take to the No1 spot in 1995?
7. Who said "There's No One Quite Like Grandma" in 1980?
8. Name the band that took "Do They Know It's Christmas" to the top spot in 2004?
9. Cliff Richard had his last Xmas hit in 1990 with what song?
10. In 1952 "Here in my Heart became the first ever UK Christmas No1, who sang it?



PANTOMIME

1. In which panto do you find the characters Jack Trott, Dame Trott, Simon Trott?
2. What are Cinderellas slippers made of?
3. Why did Dick Whittington go to London?
4. In which panto can you find the "Lost Boys"?
5. How many dwalfs are their in Snow White?
6. Wishy Washy and Widow Twanky are in which pantomime?
7. In which panto would you find a gingerbread house?
8. What is Mother Goose's name?
9. In which panto would you find the White Rabbit the Mad Hatter and the March Hare?
10. What colour does Will where in Robin Hood?

Sunday 21st December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **7.45** Match of the Day (R/T) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show (T) **10.00** Christmas Voices (T) **11.00 FILM: Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (2002) (T) **12.20** BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather for the Week Ahead) **12.35** Keeping Up Appearances (R/T) **1.35** EastEnders (R/T) **3.25 FILM: Dustbin Baby** (1939) (T) **4.55** Lifeline (T) **5.05** Songs of Praise (T) **5.40** BBC News (T) **6.00** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.05** After You've Gone Christmas Special (T) **6.45** Antiques Roadshow (T)
7.45 Lark Rise to Candleford (New) (T)
9.00 Casualty (T)
10.00 BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather)
10.20 Match of the Day 2 (T)
11.20 FILM: Face/Off (1997) (T)
1.30 Weatherview (T) **1.35** Sign Zone: Holby City (R/T) **2.35** Survivors (R/T) **3.35** After Rome: Holy War and Conquest (R/T) **4.35** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Roar (R/T) **7.55** Bernard (R/T) **8.00** Arthur (R/T) **8.55** Prank Patrol Pocketsize (R/T) **9.00** The Sarah Jane Adventures (R/T) **10.05 FILM: That Darn Cat!** (1965) (T) **12.00** Natural World (T) **1.00** Olympia Horse Show (T) **3.00** UK Snooker Championship: Final (T) **6.20** Dad's Army (R/T)
7.00 Top Gear (R/T)
8.00 UK Snooker Championship: Final (T)
11.00 Have I Got News for You (R/T)
11.30 The Graham Norton Show Uncut (R/T)
12.15 Heroes (R/T) **1.00** Dragons' Den: The Dragons' Stories (R/T) **2.00 FILM: Wild River** (1960) (T) **3.45** Joins BBC News **4.35** Inside Sport (R/T) **5.05** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** CITV: Bernard (R/T) **9.40** Tricky Quickies (R/T) **9.45** The Championship (T) **10.45** Lewis Hamilton - World Champion (T) **11.45** ITV News and Weather (T) **11.50** Anglia News and Weather (T) **11.55 FILM: Curly Sue** (1991) (T) **1.55 FILM: Casper** (1995) (T) **3.45 FILM: ET The Extra-Terrestrial** (1982) (T) **6.00** Anglia News and Weather Week (T) **6.15** ITV News and Weather (T) **6.30** Alan Titchmarsh at Christmas (T)
7.30 New You've Been Framed Christmas Special (T)
8.00 The Royal (T)
9.00 Clash of the Santas (T)
11.00 ITV News and Weather (T) (Followed by Local Weather)
11.15 Britain's Love Story (R/T) **12.15** Little Town of Bethlehem (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **1.15** Sleep Walkers: Secrets of the Night (R/T) **2.10** 60 Minute Makeover (R/T) **3.00** Antiques Auction (R/T) **3.25** Antiques Auction (R/T) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.20 INUK (R/T) **6.35** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.00** Transworld Sport (T) **7.50** Adrenalin Rush (T) **8.20** Freesports on 4 (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.20** Friends (R/T) **9.50** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R/T) **12.20** Orange Unsignedact (T) **1.25** Relentless (T) **2.15** The Nokia Green Room: Christmas Special (R/T) **3.20** Friends (R/T) **3.50** The Simpsons (T) **4.20** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge Vs. Santa (T) **5.10** Christmas At River Cottage (R/T) **6.10** Channel 4 News (T) **6.30 FILM: Oliver Twist** (2005) (T)
9.00 The Sunday Night Christmas Project (T)
10.00 The Charlotte Church Nutcracking Christmas Special (T)
11.10 Russell Brand's Christmas Ponderland (T)
11.45 The IT Crowd (R/T)
12.15 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... Rufus Wainwright **1.20** Dickens' Secret Lover (R/T) **2.20** Pagans (R/T) **3.20** The Secret Family Of Jesus (R/T) **5.20** The Highlander Challenge World Championship (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Tickle, Patch and Friends (R/T) **6.05** Bird Bath (R/T) **6.10** Softies (R/T) **6.15** Look! (R/T) **6.17** Aussie Antics (R/T) **6.20** Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.30** Elmo's World (R/T) **6.45** Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs (R/T) **7.00** Chiro (T) **7.05** Music Box (R/T) **7.15** Rupert Bear (R/T) **7.30** Hana's Helpline (R/T) **7.40** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.55** Little Princess (T) **8.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **8.40** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **8.55** The Beeps (R/T) **9.15** Show Christmas Special (T) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales (R/T) **9.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad (R/T) **10.20** Football on Five (T) **12.50** Police Interceptors (R/T) **1.50** Megastructures (R/T) **2.50** Zoo Days (R/T)
3.00 FILM: The Man Who Saved Christmas (2002) (T) **4.55** Five News (T)
5.15 FILM: Father Hood (1993) (T)
7.00 FILM: Christmas With The Kranks (2004) (T)
9.00 Greatest Christmas Comedy Moments (T)
12.00 30 Rock (R/T) **12.30** Prison Break (R/T) **1.20** NFL Live **4.20** Now Is the Time: Night of Combat - Kick Boxing **5.15** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T)

ET The Extra-Terrestrial
3.45pm ITV1

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CAROLS

1. What would you be doing if you were Wassailing?
2. What are ringing in "Ding Dong Merrily on High"?
3. Who bears the crown in the "Holly and the Ivy"?
4. When did Good King Wenceslas look out?
5. Who sang "Glory to the Newborn King"?

6. Which carol finishes with the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"?
7. In the carol "O Christmas Tree", what are so unchanging?
8. Who traversed "afar field and fountain, moor and mountain"?
9. With what did "Good Christian Men Rejoice"?
10. To whom did the Angels say "the First Noel"?

TELEVISION

1. Who's having a "Nutcracking Christmas Special" with Ronny Corbett and Gavin and Stacy on Christmas Eve?
2. Fearne Cotton and Reggie Yates are the hosts of the Christmas Day and New Years Eve specials of this pop show?
3. Who's got a "New Sofa" as Jim, Barbara, Denise and Dave return on Christmas Day after a two year break?
4. Who has "A Matter of Loaf and Death" in this Nick Park's special on Christmas Night.
5. Italian chef Gennaro Contaldo joins which much loved Essex boy to "Cook Christmas" on Christmas Eve?
6. Who hosts the "Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2008" on New Years Eve?
7. It's New Year's Eve and PC Mel Ryder is in a right state in what?
8. Last year Kylie was the Christmas special guest and this year it's David Morrissey and Dervla Kirwan in what?
9. In a special "Dancing On Ice at Christmas" who is training the star studded teams?
10. The BBC Philharmonic and London Philharmonic Chorus perform music from what series on New Years Day?

ANSWERS

(Please, no cheating)

MOVIES
1. Billy Bob Thornton
2. Buddy
3. Scrooge (A Christmas Carol)
4. Nightmare before Christmas
5. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye
6. Santa Claus Conquers the Martians
7. He squashed him when he fell from the roof.
8. Bill Murray.
9. Clarence.
10. Millicle on 34th Street.

MUSIC
1. Shayne Ward - That's My Goal.
2. Return to sender 1962.
3. Christmas Alphabet.
4. 2000.
5. Three 1996 "2 become 1"- 97 "Too Much" - 98 "Goodbye".
6. Earth Song.
7. St. Winifred's School Choir.
8. Band Aid 20.
9. Saviour's Day.
10 Al Martino.

PANTOMIME
1. Jack and the Bean Stalk.
2. Glass.
3. Because he thought the streets were made of gold.
4. Peter Pan.
5. Seven.
6. Aladdin.
7. Babes in the Wood.
8. Priscilla.
9. Alice In Wonderland.
10. Scarlet.

CAROLS
1. Offering good cheer.
2. Christmas Bells.
3. The Ivy.
4. On the Feast of Stephen (Boxing Day).
5. The Herald Angels.
6. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.
7. The leaves.
8. Three Kings of Orient.
9. Heart and soul and voice.
10. Shepherds.

TELEVISION
1. Charlotte Church (Dec 24th c4 11.30pm).
2. Top of the Pops (Dec 25th BBC1 2pm + Dec 31st 5.35pm).
3. The Royle Family (Dec 25th BBC1 9.30pm).
4. Wallace and Gromit (Dec 25th BBC1 8.30pm).
5. Jamie Oliver (Dec 25th c4 8.30pm).
6. Jimmy Carr (Dec 31st c4 10pm).
7. The Bill (Dec 31st ITV1 8.00pm).
8. Doctor Who (Dec 25th BBC1 6pm).
9. Torvill and Dean (Dec 25th ITV1 8pm).
10. Doctor Who (Jan1st BBC1 1.50pm).

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Monday 22nd December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** Animal 24:7 (R/T) **10.00** Homes under the Hammer (R/T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.00** To Buy or Not to Buy (R/T) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (R/T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/T) **1.00** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.45** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries (R/T) **3.15** Diagnosis Murder (R/T) **4.00 FILM: The Cat in the Hat** (2003) (T) **5.15** The Weakest Link (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.30** Regional News and Weather (T)
7.00 Dom's on the Case: The Drugs Lottery (R/T)
7.30 Watchdog (T)
7.57 BBC News and Regional News (T)
8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 Panorama (T)
9.00 QI Christmas Special (T)
9.30 Gavin and Stacey (R/T)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (T)
10.25 Regional News and Weather (T)
10.33 BBC Weather (T)
10.35 Gavin and Stacey (R/T)
11.05 A Question of Sport (R/T)
11.35 The BBC One Sessions: Duffy (T)
12.20 FILM: Surviving Christmas (2005) (T) **1.45** Weatherview (T) **1.50** Sign Zone: Lark Rise to Candleford (R/T) **3.05** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/T) **3.35** Antiques Roadshow (R/T) **4.35** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** Bear Behaving Badly (R/T) (Followed by Planet Wild) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** The Last Days of Steam: Time Shift (T) **11.00 FILM: A Walk in the Sun** (1945) (T) **12.55** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **1.40 FILM: Merry Christmas** (2005) (T) **3.25** Flog It! (T) **4.25** Escape to the Country (T) **5.10** Ready Steady Cook (T) **5.55 FILM: Finding Neverland** (2004) (T)
7.30 The Good Life (R/T)
8.00 University Challenge (T)
8.30 FILM: The Brothers Grimm (2005) (T)
10.20 Heroes (R/T)
11.00 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T)
11.45 Outnumbered (R/T)
12.15 Heroes Unmasked (T) **12.35** Blue Peter at 50 (R/T) **1.35** Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (R/T) **2.35 FILM: Days Of Wine And Roses** (1962) (T) **4.25** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **10.30** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **12.30** 60 Minute Makeover (T) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **2.00** Rosemary and Thyme (R/T) **4.00** Hercule Poirot's Christmas (R/T) **6.00** Anglia Tonight (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.30** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)
7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp (R/T)
8.30 Coronation Street (T)
9.00 The Bill (T)
10.00 News at Ten and Weather (T)
10.40 Anglia Special Edition (R/T)
11.10 Anglia Special Edition (R/T)
11.40 Police, Camera, Action (R/T)
12.30 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Emergency (R/T) **1.25** Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Mystery (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **2.20** Moving Day Special (R/T) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.15 INUK (R/T) **6.30** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.55** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.05** Wilde Stories (R/T) **7.30 FILM: Big Top Pee-Wee** (1988) (T) **9.05** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.35** The Simpsons (R/T) **10.05** Friends (R/T) **10.30** A Very Berry Christmas (T) **12.05** Movie Special (R/T) **12.35 FILM: A Christmas Carol** (1999) (T) **2.10** 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **2.15** Come Dine With Me Extra Portions (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge Vs. Santa (T) **5.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **5.30** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.00** Hollyoaks (T)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.55 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T)
8.00 The Ascent Of Money (T)
9.00 Catastrophe (T)
10.00 Father Ted Christmas Special (R/T)
11.15 FILM: The Family Stone (2005) (T)
1.10 Blue Christmas (R) **1.25** Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... Lou Reed and Julian Schnabel **2.25** 4music Presents... Linkin Park (R/T) **2.50** The Birthday JD Set 2008 Featuring... (R/T) **3.15** Pagans (R/T) **4.15** Pilate: The Man Who Killed Christ (R/T) **5.15** The Highlander Challenge World Championship (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.40** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.50** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.00** Play! (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.30** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.40** Roobarb and Custard Too (R/T) **8.45** Pocoyo (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Who Really Killed Jesus? (R/T) **10.00** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **11.00** Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven (R/T) **11.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.00** World's Strongest Man Super Series (R/T) **1.00 FILM: Boyfriend for Christmas** (2004) (T) **2.50 FILM: A Christmas Carol: The Musical** (2004) (T) **4.40** Five News (T) **5.00** Rory & Paddy's Great British Adventure (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)
7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.30 Rough Guide to Exotic Escapes (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 The Gadget Show (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 FILM: Hollywood Homicide (2003) (T)
11.20 30 Rock (R/T)
11.45 30 Rock (R/T)
12.15 30 Rock (R/T) **12.45** Prison Break (R/T) **1.35** NFL Live **4.45** Race and Rally UK **5.15** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T)

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Tuesday 23rd December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** Animal 24:7 (R/T) **10.00** Homes under the Hammer (R/T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.00** To Buy or Not to Buy (R/T) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (R/T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/T) **1.00** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.45** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries (R/T) **3.15** Diagnosis Murder (R/T) **4.00** Keeping Up Appearances Christmas Special (R/T) **4.30 FILM: Snow Dogs** (2002) (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.30** Regional News and Weather (T)
7.00 Wild About Your Garden (T)
7.30 EastEnders (T)
7.57 BBC News and Regional News (T)
8.00 Holby City (T)
9.00 Survivors (T)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (T)
10.25 Regional News and Weather (T)
10.33 BBC Weather (T)
10.35 FILM: Con Air (1997) (T)
12.25 FILM: Honeymoon in Vegas (1992) (T) **1.55** Weatherview (T) **2.00** Sign Zone: See Hear (R/T) **2.30** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/T) **3.00** Panorama (R/T) **3.30** Watchdog (R/T) **4.00** An Island Parish (R/T) **4.30** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **6.55** CBBC: Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.10** Lazytown (R/T) **7.35** Charlie and Lola (R/T) **8.00** The First Snow of Winter (R/T) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Timeshift (T) **11.00** Steam Days (T) **11.30 FILM: The Story of an African Farm** (2004) (T) **1.05** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **1.50** Flog It! (T) **2.50** Escape to the Country (T) **3.50** Ready Steady Cook (T) **4.35 FILM: Seabiscuit** (2003) (T) **6.45** Porridge (R/T)
7.30 TOTP2: Christmas Special 2008 (T)
9.00 Rab C Nesbitt (T)
9.45 Mock the Week (T)
10.15 Lead Balloon (T)
10.55 The Peter Serafinowicz Christmas Show (T)
11.25 I'm Dreaming of a TV Christmas (R/T)
1.20 Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (R/T) **2.20 FILM: The Christmas Tale** (2005) (T) **3.30** Joins BBC News **4.30** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) **10.30** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **12.30** 60 Minute Makeover (T) **1.30** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **2.00** Rosemary and Thyme (R/T) **3.00** Alan Titchmarsh at Christmas (R/T) **4.00** Midsomer Murders (R/T) **6.00** Anglia Tonight (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.30** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)
7.00 Emmerdale (T)
8.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special (New) (T)
9.00 The Bill: Too Hot to Handle (T)
10.00 News at Ten and Weather (T)
10.40 FILM: Ali G Indahouse (2002) (T)
12.15 Guinness Premiership Rugby (T) **1.10** Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **2.05 FILM: Stealing Christmas** (2003) (T) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.05 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.30** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.55** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.05** Wilde Stories (R/T) **7.35 FILM: The Adventures Of Elmo In Grouchland** (1999) (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.25** The Simpsons (R/T) **9.55** Friends (R/T) **10.25** Mcfly: Greatest Hits Live (T) **11.25** The Simpsons (R/T) **11.55 FILM: 20,000 Leagues under the Sea** (1997) (T) **2.15** Come Dine With Me Extra Portions (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal: Scrooge Vs. Santa (T) **5.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **5.30** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.00** Hollyoaks (T)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.55 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T)
8.00 How to Look Good Naked (T)
9.00 Country House Rescue (T)
10.00 Alan Carr's Christmas Ding Dong (T)
10.50 Shameless - Christmas Special (R/T)
12.20 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... President Bill Clinton **1.20** Acrobatics World Championship (R) **2.15** Adrenalin Rush (R/T) **2.40** KOTV Classics (T) **3.30** Freesports on 4 (T) **4.25** KOTV (T) **4.50** British Triathlon Grand Prix 2008 (R/T) **5.15** The Highlander Challenge (R/T)

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6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.40** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.50** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.00** Play! (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.30** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.40** Roobarb and Custard Too (R/T) **8.45** Pocoyo (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Mary Magdalene - Saint or Sinner? (R/T) **10.00** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **11.00** Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven (R/T) **11.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.00** World's Strongest Man Super Series (R/T) **1.00 FILM: Noel** (2004) (T) **2.50 FILM: Mrs Santa Claus** (1996) (T) **4.40** Five News (T) **5.00** Rory & Paddy's Great British Adventure (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)
7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.30 Highland Emergency (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 Nature Shock (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 CSI: Miami (T)
10.00 CSI: NY (R/T) (Followed by five news update)
11.00 30 Rock (R/T)
11.30 30 Rock (R/T)
12.00 30 Rock (R/T) **12.30** Prison Break (R/T) **1.20** NBA Basketball Live **4.10** Boxing USA **4.45** Motorsport Mundial **5.15** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T)

Christmas Eve

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** ChuckleVision Christmas Special (T) **10.00** Arthur (R/T) **10.25 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie** (2002) (T) **11.50 FILM: High School Musical** (2006) (T) **1.25** BBC News (T) **1.35** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.40** Big Cat Live Revisited (T) **2.40 FILM: The Santa Clause** (1994) (T) **4.10 FILM: Sky High** (2005) (T) **5.45** BBC News (T) **6.00** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.05 FILM: Toy Story 2** (1999) (T)
7.30 Shrek the Halls (T)
8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 My Family Christmas Special (R/T)
9.30 Have I Got News for You Christmas 2008 (T)
10.00 Gavin and Stacey Christmas Special (T)
11.05 BBC News (T)
11.15 The National Lottery Draws (T)
11.30 Christmas Midnight Eucharist (T)
12.40 Weatherview (T) **12.45 FILM: Grumpy Old Men** (1993) (T) **2.25** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** Boo! (R/T) **7.35** Big Cook Little Cook Christmas Special (R/T) **8.00** Arthur (R/T) (Followed By Diddy Dick and Dom) **8.25** Diddy Dick and Dom (R/T) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Elizabethan Express (T) **10.20** British Transport Film (T) **11.00** Absolutely Chuffed: The Men Who Built a Steam Engine (T) **11.30 FILM: The Preacher's Wife** (1996) (T) **1.30** Johnny Goes to Lapland (R/T) **2.30** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **3.15** Flog It! (T) **4.00** Escape to the Country (T) **4.45** Ready Steady Cook (T) **5.30** Star of Bethlehem (T) **6.30** Carols from King's (T)
7.45 As Time Goes By (R/T)
8.30 FILM: Calendar Girls (2003) (T)
10.15 Arena: Paul Schofield (T)
11.15 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T)
12.00 The Peter Serafinowicz Christmas Show (T) **12.40** Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (R/T) **1.40** Dragons' Den: The Dragons' Stories (R/T) **2.40 FILM: The Big Heat** (1953) (T) **4.05** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** All Star Mr and Mrs Christmas Special (R/T) **10.25** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **11.25** Aled Jones' Ultimate Christmas Carols (T) **12.25** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **12.55 FILM: Santa Claus - The Movie** (1985) (T) **3.00 FILM: The Polar Express** (2004) (T) **4.50 FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (1971) (T) **6.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)
7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 You've Been Framed! (R/T)
8.30 Midsomer Murders (New) (T)
10.30 The Late News and Weather (T)
10.45 Christmas Service from Alder Hey (T)
11.45 FILM: The Jerk (1979) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines)
1.35 FILM: Huckleberry Finn (1974) (T) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.10 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.00** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.10 FILM: The Muppets Take Manhattan** (1984) (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.25** 4Music Presents... Pussycat Dolls (R/T) **9.55** Friends (R/T) **10.30** Rihanna Live In Concert (T) **11.30** 4music Presents... Pink (R/T) **12.00** George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **12.05 FILM: Freaky Friday** (1977) (T) **2.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **2.30** Lost And Found (T) **3.00** The Snowman (R/T) **3.30** Come Dine With Me Extra Portions (T) **5.30** Channel 4 News (T) **5.45** Deal Or No Deal Christmas Star (T) **6.45 FILM: A Christmas Carol** (1999) (T)
8.30 Jamie Cooks Christmas (R/T)
9.30 The Family At Christmas (T)
10.35 Star Stories: Kate Moss (T)
11.10 The Charlotte Church Nutcracking Christmas Special (R/T)
12.10 George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **12.20 FILM: Black Christmas** (1974) **2.15** Journey through the Night (R/T) **2.25** Pagans (R/T) **3.25 FILM: A Walk In The Clouds** (1995) (T) **5.00** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Franny's Feet (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.40** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.50** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.00** Play! (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.30** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.40** Roobarb and Custard Too (R/T) **8.45** Pocoyo (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Trial of the Knights Templar (R/T) **10.00** Zoo Days (R/T) **10.30** Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven (R/T) **11.20** Zoo Days (R/T) **11.30** World's Strongest Man Super Series (R/T) **12.30 FILM: The Three Worlds of Gulliver** (1960) (T) **2.30** Five News (T) **2.50 FILM: The Christmas Shoes** (2002) (T) **4.50 FILM: Scrooge - A Christmas Carol** (1951) (T) **6.30** Polar Bear Adventure with Nigel Marven (R/T)
7.30 Danger Men: Chainsaw Kings (R/T)
8.30 The Gadget Show Christmas Stocking (R/T)
9.30 Greatest TV Comedy Moments (T)
12.30 30 Rock (R/T) **1.00** Prison Break (R/T) **1.50 FILM: Point Blank** (1967) (T) **3.20 FILM: Good Guys Wear Black** (1979) (T) **4.55** Short Story Cinema (R/T) **5.15** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T)

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Christmas Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** The Slammer (R/T) **10.00** Pinky and Perky (R/T) **10.15** Frankenstein's Cat (R/T) **10.25** Christmas in Peterborough: Christmas Day Eucharist (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.25 FILM: The Santa Clause 2** (2002) (T) **1.05** The Two Ronnies Christmas Show (R/T) **1.50** BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather) **2.00** Top of the Pops Xmas 2008 (T) **3.00** The Queen (T) **3.10 FILM: Shark Tale** (2004) (T) **4.30 FILM: Wallace & Gromit In The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit** (2005) (T) **5.45** BBC News at Six (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.00** Doctor Who (T)

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2008 (T)
8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death (T)
9.00 EastEnders (R/T)
9.30 The Royle Family (T)
10.30 Blackadder Rides Again (T)
11.35 BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather)
11.45 FILM: Bend it Like Beckham (2002) (T)
1.35 On Christmas Night (T) **1.40 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel** (1967) (T) **3.10** Weatherview (T) **3.15** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** ChuckleVision (R/T) **8.15** The Likeaballs (R/T) **8.25** Diddy Dick and Dom (R/T) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00 FILM: My Fair Lady** (1964) (T) **12.45 FILM: Oklahoma!** (1999) (T) **3.00** Hansel and Gretel at the Royal Opera House (T) **5.00** The Truth About Christmas Carols (T) **6.00** Maestro - The Inside Story (T)

7.00 Blackadder's Christmas Carol (R/T)
7.50 The Queen (R/T)
8.00 Dad's Army (R/T)
8.30 Dragons' Den Around the World (T)
9.30 Top Gear (T)
10.30 FILM: Casanova (2005) (T) **12.15** Have I Got a Bit More News for You (R/T) **12.55** TOTP 2 at Christmas (T) **1.40 FILM: Gilda** (1946) (T) **3.25** Rita (T) **4.25** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Coleen's Christmas at Alder Hey (T) **10.25** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **11.25 FILM: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** (1989) (T) **1.10** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **1.20 FILM: Bean** (1997) (T) **3.00** HM The Queen (T) **3.10 FILM: Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban** (2004) (T) **5.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T) **6.00** Emmerdale (T)

7.00 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 Dancing on Ice at Christmas (New) (T)
9.30 It'll Be Alright on the Night (New) (T)
10.30 Stanley Baxter - Now and Then (New) (T)
11.30 The Late News and Weather (T)
11.45 FILM: Mermaids (2003) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines)
1.50 FILM: The Golden Seal (1983) (T) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **6.05** INUK (R/T) **6.20** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.45** The Treacle People Christmas Special (R/T) **7.00** Little Wolf's Book Of Badness (R/T) **7.30** Olive The Other Reindeer (R/T) **8.25** Max Bear and The Lucky Charm (T) **9.00** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.30** The Simpsons (R/T) **10.00** Friends (R/T) **10.30** George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **10.35** Westlife Live In Croke Park (T) **11.35** Girls Aloud: Tangled Up Live (R/T) **12.40** George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **12.45** The Simpsons (R/T) **1.15 FILM: Lassie** (2005) (T) **3.00** Deal Or No Deal Christmas Star (T) **4.00 FILM: Scrooged** (1988) (T) **5.50** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.15** A Boy Called Alex (R/T)

7.15 The Alternative Christmas Message (T)
7.25 Channel 4 News (T)
7.30 The Nativity Decoded (T)
9.30 The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life (T)
10.35 Alan Carr: Tooth Fairy Live (R/T)
11.40 Lee Evans XL Tour (R/T)
12.40 FILM: The Vault Of Horror (1973) (T) **2.10 FILM: Dying Young** (1991) (T) **4.00** Supporting Acts (R/T) **4.10** Hill Street Blues (R) **4.55** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T) **5.55** 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (T) **6.15** Fireman Sam Christmas Special (T) **6.40** Mio Mao (R/T) **6.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (T) **7.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **7.10** Funky Christmas Special (R/T) **7.25** Noddy Saves Christmas (R/T) **7.55** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.05** Play! (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.30** Show Christmas Special (R/T) **8.55** Shake! Show (T) **9.00** Zoo Days (R/T) **9.30** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **10.30** Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven (R/T) **11.20** World's Strongest Man Super Series (R/T) **12.20** The Big Stunt Show (T) **12.50** Fifth Gear Short Cuts (R/T) **1.05** Casper's Haunted Christmas (T) **2.45 FILM: A Carol Christmas** (2003) (T) **4.30** Rory & Paddy's Great British Adventure (R/T) **5.30** Ice Road Truckers (R/T) **6.30** Five News (T) **6.45 FILM: Memoirs Of A Geisha** (2005) (T)

9.30 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of the 21st Century (T) **12.35** 30 Rock (R/T) **1.05** Prison Break (R/T)

1.55 FILM: Circus (2000) (T) **3.30** Short Story Cinema (R/T) **4.05** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **5.35** House Doctor (R/T)

Boxing Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** The Basil Brush Show (R/T) **9.55** Hider in the House (R/T) **10.25** Jackanory Junior (R/T) **10.40 FILM: A Goofy Movie** (1995) (T) (Followed by BBC News; Weather) **11.55 FILM: Ella Enchanted** (2004) (T) **1.25** BBC News (T) **1.35** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.40** Keeping Up Appearances (R/T) **2.30 FILM: Big** (1988) (T) **4.10 FILM: Madagascar** (2005) (T) **5.30** BBC News (T) **5.45** Regional News and Weather (T) **5.50 FILM: The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe** (2005) (T)

8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 FILM: Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) (T)
10.50 BBC News (T)
11.00 Match of the Day (T)
12.35 Not Going Out (R/T) **1.05 FILM: The Wild Geese** (1978) (T) **3.15** Weatherview (T) **3.20** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** Lazytown (R/T) **8.25** Diddy Dick and Dom (R/T) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Coast (T) **10.10** The Signalman (T) **10.50** Ian Hislop Goes off the Rails (T) **11.50 FILM: The Importance of Being Earnest** (2002) (T) **1.25 FILM: South Pacific** (1958) (T) **3.50** Ready Steady Cook (T) **4.35** Final Score (T) **5.25** Are You Being Served? (T) **5.55 FILM: Nicholas Nickleby** (2002) (T)

8.00 Dad's Army (R/T)
8.30 The Man Who Made Eric and Ernie (T)
9.30 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show 1975 (R/T)
10.40 The Generation Game 1973 at Christmas (T)
11.40 The Two Ronnies: Old-Fashioned Christmas Mystery (R/T)

12.40 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T) **1.25** Ghosts of Christmas Past (T) **2.25 FILM: Sweet and Lowdown** (1999) (T) **3.55** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special (R/T) **10.25** Christmas Cooks Challenge (T) **11.25 FILM: Black Beauty** (1994) (T) **1.15** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **1.25** The Railway Children (R/T) **3.30 FILM: Mary Poppins** (1964) (T) **6.10** ITV Evening News and Weather (T) **6.30** Emmerdale (T)

7.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp Review of the Year (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 You've Been Framed! (R/T)
8.30 Coronation Street (T)
9.00 Caught in a Trap (New) (T)
10.30 The Late News and Weather (T)
10.45 FILM: Nine Months (1995) (T) **12.45** Quantum of Solace: Planning Bond's Downfall... and Other Stunts Prod Year 2008 (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **1.15 FILM: The Wiz** (1978) (T) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.25** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.50** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.00** Famous Fred (R/T) **7.25** The Bear (R/T) **8.00** The Morning Line (T) **9.00** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.25** The Simpsons (R/T) **9.55** Friends (R/T) **10.25** Dave Berry's 20 Biggest Stars Of 2008 (T) **12.00** Friends (R/T) **12.25** George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **12.35** Lost And Found (R/T) **1.05** Channel 4 Racing From Kempton Park, Wetherby and Wincanton (T) **3.35** Come Dine with Me (T) **4.50** Deal Or No Deal Christmas Star (T) **5.50** Hollyoaks (T) **6.20** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.50** Channel 4 News (T)

7.00 Time Team Special: The Mystery Of The Roman Treasure (T)
8.00 FILM: Crocodile Dundee (1986) (T)
9.50 The IT Crowd (T)
10.20 Star Stories (T)
10.50 8 Out Of 10 Cats Christmas Special (T)
11.40 Fonejacker Christmas Special (R/T)

12.15 George Michael: Live At Earls Court Exclusive (T) **12.20** Pokerstars EPT London Highrollers **1.25** Russell Crowe's South Sydney Story **1.50** Russell Crowe's South Sydney Story **2.20** Bullrun: Cops, Cars And Superstars (R/T) **2.45** Freesports on 4 (R/T) **3.10** Goalissimo (T) **4.05** Freesports on 4 (R/T) **4.30** Grudge Match (R/T) **4.40** Transworld Sport (R/T) **5.35** Making It (R) **5.40** 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **5.45** INUK (R/T)

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7.00 Ice Road Truckers (R/T)
8.00 World's Strongest Man: 30 Years of Pain (T)
9.00 NCIS (R/T)
10.00 Greatest Ever 80s Movies (R/T)

12.45 30 Rock (R/T) **1.15** Quiz Call **4.05** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **4.50** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **5.35** House Doctor (R/T)

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Christmas Recycling and Refuse Collection

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Wed 24th Dec	No change
Thursday 25th Dec	Saturday 27th
Friday 26th Dec	Monday 29th

NEW YEAR

NORMAL	REVISED
Monday 29th Dec	Tuesday 30th
Tuesday 30th Dec	Wednesday 31st
Wed 31st Dec	Friday 2nd Jan
Thursday 1st Jan	Saturday 3rd Jan
Friday 2nd Jan	Monday 5th Jan

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Wednesday 7th Thursday 8th
Thursday 8th Friday 9th
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **8.30** Match of the Day (R/T) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen (T) **11.30** Take on the Takeaway (R/T) **12.00** Rachel's Favourite Food for Friends (R/T) **12.30** BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather) **12.40** Racing from Chepstow: Welsh Grand National (T) **3.00 FILM: Eight Below** (2006) (T) **4.50 FILM: Father of the Bride 2** (1995) (T) **6.30** BBC News (T) **6.45** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.50** The Weakest Link: Strictly Come Dancing Special (T)
7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It (T)
8.40 Casualty (T)
9.30 Outnumbered (T)
10.00 A Question of Sport - Extra Time (T)
10.30 BBC News (T)
10.50 FILM: Interview With The Vampire (1994) (T)
12.45 Weatherview (T) **12.50** Sign Zone: Oceans: Indian Ocean (R/T) **1.50** Oceans: Indian Ocean - Coastal Waters (R/T) **2.50** Indian Food Made Easy (R/T) **3.20** Gardeners' World (R/T) **3.50** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.50** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Roar (R/T) **8.00** The Secret Show (R/T) **8.15** Watch My Chops (R/T) (Followed by Bernard) **8.30** The Secret Show (R/T) **8.45** The Basil Brush Show (R/T) **9.10** CBeebies: Help! Teach is Coming to Stay (R/T) **10.10** Maya and Miguel (R/T) (Followed by Planet Wild) **10.40** Best of Friends: Sports Relief Special (R/T) **11.05** Prank Patrol (R/T) **11.35** Even Stevens (R/T) **12.00 FILM: Swiss Family Robinson** (1960) (T) **2.05 FILM: We Dive at Dawn** (1943) (T) **3.50** Flog It! (T) **4.35** Ready Steady Cook (T) **5.20** War Stories (T)
7.20 Porridge (R/T)
8.00 University Challenge: The Story So far (R/T)
9.00 Comic Relief Does University Challenge (T)
9.30 FILM: Starter for 10 (2006) (T)
11.00 The Young Ones (R/T)
11.30 The Graham Norton Show (T)
12.15 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T) **1.00** Richard Pryor Live In Concert (R/T) **2.15** Joins BBC News **3.50** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** CITV: Captain Mack (R/T) **9.40** My Parents Are Aliens (R/T) **10.10** Finger Tips (T) **10.30** Finger Tips (T) **10.50 FILM: The Little Polar Bear** (2001) (T) **12.20** Anglia News and Weather (T) **12.25** ITV News and Weather (T) **12.30** Coronation Street Omnibus (T) **3.35** Jane Austen's Emma (R/T) **5.35** Anglia News and Weather (T) **5.50** ITV News and Weather (T) **6.05** You've Been Framed! (R/T)
7.05 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special (New) (T)
7.50 Foyle's War (R/T)
9.50 It'll Be Alright on the Night (R/T)
10.50 ITV News and Weather (T) (Followed by Local Weather)
11.05 FILM: Bird on a Wire (1990) (T)
1.10 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **2.10 FILM: Great Balls of Fire!** (1989) (T) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.25** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.50** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.00** Goalissimo (R/T) **8.00** The Morning Line (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.20** on the Beach (R/T) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing From Kempton Park and Wetherby (T) **3.30** 4dance 2008 (T) **5.00** John Adams **(New)** (T) **6.25** Channel 4 News (T) **6.55 FILM: Crocodile Dundee II** (1988) (T)
9.00 Bring Back... Fame (T)
10.35 Star Stories: Bono (R/T)
11.05 Star Stories: Heather Mills (R)
11.40 Russell Brand's Christmas Ponderland (R/T)
12.10 FILM: Jagged Edge (1985) (T) **2.20 FILM: C.R.A.Z.Y.** (2005) (T) **4.30** Grudge Match (R/T) **4.40** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T) **5.40** Making It (R) **5.45** INUK (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Sunrise **7.00** Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs (R/T) **7.20** Chiro (T) **7.25** Music Box (R/T) **7.35** Hana's Helpline (R/T) **7.50** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **8.05** Little Princess (R/T) **8.20 FILM: Mist: The Tale of a Sheepdog Puppy** (2006) (T) **10.00** The Gadget Show (R/T) **11.00** Secrets of the Jesus Tomb (R/T) **12.00** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.10 FILM: The Browning Version** (1951) (T) **1.55 FILM: Ivanhoe** (1952) (T) **4.00** Merlin (T) **5.50 FILM: Prince Charming** (2001) (T)
7.25 Five News and Sport (T)
7.35 NCIS (R/T)
8.30 NCIS (R/T)
9.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R/T)
10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R/T)
11.30 30 Rock (R/T)
12.00 30 Rock (R/T) **12.30** Quiz Call **4.00** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T) **4.45** House Doctor (R/T) **5.15** House Doctor (R/T) **5.35** House Doctor (R/T)

Interview with a Vampire
10.50pm BBC1

Sunday 28th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** The Big Questions (T) **10.00 FILM: The Little Vampire** (2000) (T) **11.30 FILM: The Borrowers** (1998) (T) **12.50** BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather for the Week Ahead) **1.05** 'Allo 'Allo! (R/T) **1.55** Keeping Up Appearances (R/T) **2.25** EastEnders (R/T) **5.35** Songs of Praise (T) **6.10** BBC News (T) **6.25** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind (T)
7.00 Antiques Roadshow (T)
8.00 The 39 Steps (T)
9.30 Have I Got News for You Christmas 2008 (R/T)
10.00 BBC News (T) (Followed by Weather)
10.15 Match of the Day (T)
11.35 FILM: Daredevil (2003) (T)
1.10 Weatherview (T) **1.15** Sign Zone: Oceans: Mediterranean Sea (R/T) **2.15** Holby City (R/T) **3.15** Survivors (R/T) **4.15** Gardeners' World (R/T) **4.45** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.50** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **7.00** CBBC: Roar (R/T) **8.00** ChuckleVision Christmas Special (R/T) **8.25** Arthur (R/T) **9.30** CBeebies: Prank Patrol (R/T) **10.00** Diddy Dick and Dom (R/T) **10.05 FILM: Howl's Moving Castle** (2004) (T) **12.05** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **12.50** Escape to the Country (T) **1.50 FILM: The Eagle Has Landed** (1976) (T) **4.00** Stingray the Reunion (T) **4.30** Final Score (T) **5.10** All About Thunderbirds (T) **6.10** Thunderbirds (R/T)
7.00 James May's Top Toys (R/T)
8.00 Top Gear Vietnam Special (T)
9.00 The Real Italian Job: James Martin's Mille Miglia (T)
10.00 Have I Got News for You (R/T)
10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (R/T)
11.00 FILM: The Getaway (1972) (T)
1.00 Heroes (T) **1.40 FILM: Patrick** (1978) (T) **3.30** Joins BBC News **4.45** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** CITV: Bernard (R/T) **9.40** My Parents Are Aliens (R/T) **10.10 FILM: Tooth** (2004) (T) **11.45 FILM: Prancer** (1989) (T) **1.35** Anglia News and Weather (T) **1.40** ITV News and Weather (T) **1.45** Dancing on Ice at Christmas (R/T) **3.15 FILM: You've Got Mail** (1998) (T) **5.30** Anglia News and Weather Week (T) **5.45** ITV News and Weather (T) **6.00** Help! I'm No Bigger Than a Bug **(New)** (T)
7.30 You've Been Framed! (R/T)
8.00 The Royal (T)
9.00 Affinity (New) (T)
11.00 ITV News and Weather (T) (Followed by Local Weather)
11.15 The South Bank Show: The One Ronnie (R/T)
12.15 The Priests (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **1.15 FILM: At the Earth's Core** (1976) (T) **2.45** 60 Minute Makeover (R/T) **3.45** Antiques Auction (R/T) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen **5.00-5.55** CITV **5.55** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.25** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.50** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.00** Transworld Sport (T) **7.55** Adrenalin Rush (T) **8.25** Freesports on 4 (T) **8.55** T4: Movie Special (R/T) **9.25** Friends (R/T) **10.00** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R/T) **12.30** Friends (R/T) **1.00** Relentless (T) **1.50** Friends (R/T) **2.20 FILM: Benji The Hunted** (1987) (T) **4.00** The Simpsons (T) **4.30** The Simpsons (T) **5.00** Deal Or No Deal (T) **5.50** Channel 4 News (T) **6.15** The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life (R/T)
7.15 FILM: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (2001) (T)
9.00 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2008 (T)
11.10 FILM: Star Trek: Nemesis (2003) (T)
1.20 FILM: The Edukators (2004) (T) **3.35** In Your Dreams (R/T) **3.45** Unreported World (R/T) **4.10** Red Bull Air Race 2008 (R/T) **5.10** Suppporting Acts (R/T) **5.20** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Tickle, Patch and Friends (R/T) **6.05** Bird Bath (R/T) **6.10** Softies (R/T) **6.15** Look! (R/T) **6.20** Aussie Antics (R/T) **6.25** Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.30** Elmo's World (R/T) **6.45** Fireman Sam Christmas Special (R/T) **7.05** Mio Mao (R/T) **7.15** Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs (R/T) **7.25** Funky Valley (R/T) **7.30** Chiro (R/T) **7.35** Music Box (R/T) **7.45** Hana's Helpline (R/T) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **8.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky (T) **8.15** Little Princess (R/T) **8.30 FILM: The Great Baby Bot Chase** (2003) (T) **10.00** Secrets of Egypt: Scorpion King (R/T) **11.00** Herod the Great: The True Story (R/T) **12.00** Solar Storm: Perfect Disaster (R/T) **1.05 FILM: 40 Guns to Apache Pass** (1966) (T) **2.55** Nature Shock (R/T) **3.55** Merlin (T) **5.45 FILM: Only You** (1994) (T)
7.45 Five News (T)
8.00 World's Strongest Man (New) (T)
9.00 FILM: Secret Window (2004) (T)
11.00 FILM: Closer (2004) (T)
1.00 NFL Live **4.20** Now Is the Time: Night of Combat - Kick Boxing **5.10** House Doctor (R/T) **5.35** House Doctor (R/T)

Daredevil
3.35pm BBC1

Monday 29th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** Gimme a Break (R/T) **10.00** Sorry, I've Got No Head (R/T) **10.30** Bernard (R/T) **10.35 FILM: Thomas and the Magic Railroad** (2000) (T) **11.55 FILM: The Road to El Dorado** (2000) (T) **1.15** BBC News (T) **1.25** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.30 FILM: Muppet Treasure Island** (1996) (T) **3.00** Ballet Shoes (T) **4.25 FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (2004) (T) **6.00** BBC News at Six (T) **6.25** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind (T)
7.00 Christmas on the Frontline (T)
8.00 EastEnders (T)
8.30 FILM: Superman Returns (2006) (T)
10.55 BBC News (T)
11.10 Regional News and Weather (T)
11.20 2008 at the Movies (T)
12.20 Weatherview (T) **12.25** Sign Zone: Oceans: Arctic Ocean (R/T) **1.25** Louis Theroux: Law and Disorder in Johannesburg (R/T) **2.25** The Barristers (R/T) **3.25** Gardeners' World (R/T) **3.55** Gardeners' World (R/T) **4.25** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **6.55** Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** CBBC: Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** Arthur (R/T) (Followed By Diddy Dick and Dom) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Coast (T) **10.05 FILM: Suspicion** (1941) (T) **11.40 FILM: Notorious** (1946) (T) **1.20** Escape to the Country (T) **2.05** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **2.50** Miss Marple: They Do It with Mirrors (T) **4.45** Agatha Christie: a Life in Pictures (T) **6.15** Joanna Lumley in the Land of the Northern Lights (R/T)
7.15 As Time Goes By (T)
8.00 The Perfect TV Detective (T)
9.00 FILM: Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Silk Stocking (R/T)
10.40 A Study in Sherlock (T)
11.20 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T)
12.05 Outnumbered (R/T) **12.35** Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (T) **1.35** Dragons' Den: The Dragons' Stories (T) **2.35** Don't Look Behind You (T) **4.05** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **10.25** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (R/T) **11.25 FILM: Carry On Jack** (1963) (T) **1.10** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **1.40** Rosemary and Thyme (R/T) **2.40** Midsomer Murders (R/T) **4.40 FILM: Uncle Buck** (1989) (T) **6.30** Anglia Tonight (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)
7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 Anglia Special Edition (T)
8.30 Coronation Street (T)
9.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (T)
10.00 The Late News and Weather (T)
10.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Review of the Year (R/T)
11.00 The Championship (T)
12.00 Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R) **12.55** Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Crime (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **1.50** Moving Day (R/T) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.30** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.20 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.45** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.10** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.20 FILM: Thunderbirds Are Go** (1966) (T) **9.05** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.40** The Simpsons (R/T) **10.10** Friends (R/T) **10.45** 20 Biggest Selling Singles Of The Last 10 Years (T) **12.20 FILM: Carry On Behind** (1975) (T) **2.00 FILM: Oliver Twist** (2005) (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal (T) **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine With Me (R/T) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.30** Hollyoaks (T)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.30 The Lost Pyramid (T)
9.00 Tony Robinson and The Blitz Witch (T)
10.00 The Pregnant Man (R/T)
11.10 The Eternity Man (T)
12.30 The Spirit: C4 Movie Special **1.00** Pokerstars EPT London Highrollers **2.05** Bullrun: Cops, Cars And Superstars (R/T) **2.35 FILM: Serial Mom** (1994) (T) **4.15** Hill Street Blues (R) **5.00** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (R/T) **6.15** The Funky Valley Show (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.35** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (R/T) **6.55** Little Princess (R/T) **7.05** Ebb and Flo (R/T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Mio Mao (R/T) **7.40** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.20** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Look! (R/T) **8.40** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.50** Pocoyo (R/T) **9.00** Dinotopia (R/T) **10.50** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **11.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.05** World's Strongest Man (R/T) **1.05 FILM: Androcles and the Lion** (1952) (T) **3.05 FILM: Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (1993) (T) **5.00** Who's Got God's Millions? (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)
7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (New) (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 World's Strongest Man (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 FILM: The Exorcism Of Emily Rose (2005) (T)
11.20 30 Rock (R/T)
11.50 30 Rock (R/T)
12.20 30 Rock (R/T) **12.50** Prison Break (R/T) **1.50** Prison Break (R/T) **2.40** NBA 360 **3.10** UEFA Cup Classics (R) **4.45** Race and Rally UK **5.15** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T)

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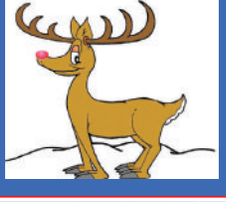

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AWAKE to Know Africa. Netherfield Children's Centre, Langland Road. African drumming and dancing, costume singing and story-telling, indoor games. For parents and children of all ages. 6.30-9.30pm. £2. Under 14s £1; Family ticket (2 adult and 3 children) £5. To book or for more information call Vicky Mensah on 07988 116141 or e-mail info@awaketoknowafrica.co.uk

SATURDAY

PAN vs the Pirates. Milton Keynes Theatre. Why did the feud begin and how will it end? This fun drama-based workshop will explore some of the characters in Peter Pan and allow you the opportunity to re-work the stories ending&the only question is, who will defeat who and walk away with the treasure? £6. 11.30am-1pm (8-10yrs). 2-3.30pm (11-13yrs)
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SUNDAY

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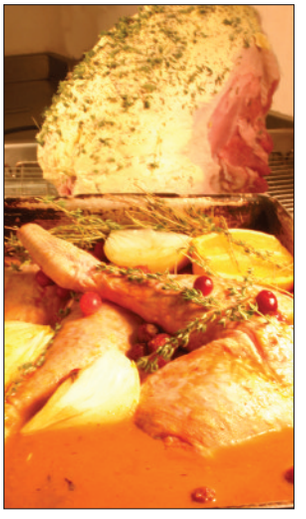

Left and above: Buttered thyme turkey and braised turkey legs

Below left: Christmas pudding fritters with brandy whipped cream

Christmas turkey with a twist

AS this is my last recipe in 2008 I thought the obvious thing would have to be turkey and Christmas pudding – but with a twist.

Most chefs find December to be one of the toughest times of the year as the extra pressure is on with Christmas parties.

At the Crooked Billet we are looking forward to cooking for 100 on Christmas Day and the same on Boxing Day so we have devised a way to cook the turkey more quickly and keep it moist.

We buy in whole Norfolk Brown turkeys and remove the legs to make turkey crowns.

We rub the crowns with lots of garlic butter and roast them separately from the legs.

The legs we braise in a deep roasting pan with oranges and cranberries. This makes wonderful soft brown meat, which falls off the bone, and fantastic turkey gravy.

By using this method the cooking time is greatly reduced and you will have more time to enjoy the day.

The dessert we serve is Christmas pudding fritters, with crispy cinnamon batter, brandy ice cream and whisky-flavoured clotted cream.

Vanilla ice cream would be great and I have done this recipe with brandy whipped cream.

The fritters are wok fried and piled high for all to help themselves.

Have a great Christmas, a good New Year and happy cooking.

EMMA

BUTTERED THYME TURKEY

Ingredients

FOR THE TURKEY
4.5kg/10lb British oven ready turkey
Legs removed but kept.
One onion, peeled and cut into wedges
Small bunch fresh parsley

FOR THE BUTTER
250g/8oz softened butter
2 large garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
2 tbsp freshly chopped thyme

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas Mark 5, 10 minutes before cooking.
2. Mix the butter until really soft then add the crushed garlic and thyme.
3. Using your fingers, carefully lift the skin away from the flesh of the turkey crown, easing the skin by gently placing your forefinger at one side of the neck and pushing upwards. Do a little at a time on each side until the skin is free. Once free, gently smear the flavoured butter over the flesh.
4.Weigh the turkey crown and calculate the cooking time.(allowing 20 minutes per kg plus an extra 90 minutes.
5.Place the onion, garlic bulbs and parsley in the open body cavity. Cover with foil and cook in the oven for the calculated cooking time.
6. Turn the oven up to 220c for the last half-hour with the foil removed.
Test if cooked by piercing the thickest part with a skewer, if the juices run clear, it is ready. If a little pink, then return to the oven and cook a little longer.
7.Once cooked, remove the turkey from the oven, place on the serving platter, cover with tinfoil and a clean towel and leave for at least 15 minutes. This will make the turkey easier to carve as resting will allow the meat to relax.
8..Slice and serve.

FOR THE LEGS
1.With the two legs which you have removed, place in a deep roasting tray
2. Cover with either gravy or dark fresh meat stock, add some cranberries, half an orange and some thyme
3. Place in the oven for 2 hours at the same temperature as the turkey, cook until the meat is falling off the bone.
4.When the legs are cooked, remove from the liquid , place to one side. Strain the gravy through a sieve to remove orange, etc.
5.Take the meat off the bone place back in the gravy to warm through

CHRISTMAS PUDDING FRITTERS

with brandy whipped cream
Makes 18 Fritters

Ingredients
Sunflower oil for deep frying 300g Christmas pudding,
115g self-raising flour
25g caster sugar
150ml sparkling wine, chilled
2 tsp cinnamon powder
Icing sugar .

Method

1. Heat the oil in a wok, deep heavy-based saucepan or deep fat fryer.
2. Cut the Christmas pudding into small cubes
3. For the batter, whisk together the flour, cinnamon caster sugar and sparkling wine.
4. Poke a cocktail stick through each Christmas pudding ball, dip into the batter to evenly coat and carefully drop into the hot oil – the cocktail stick can either be left in or slipped off while being dropped in the oil.
5. Cook the fritters in batches, removing each batch with a slotted spoon. Drain on absorbent paper and sprinkle with some caster sugar
6. To make the cream, simply whisk half a pint of double cream together with 2 tbsp icing and 2 tbsp brandy until the cream has thickened to a dipping consistency; spoon into a small bowl to serve
7. Serve the fritters on a large plate, surrounded by the cream. Decorate with sprinkle of icing sugar and festive holly if you like.

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Tuesday 30th December

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** Gimme a Break (R/T) **10.00 FILM: The Magic Roundabout** (2005) (T) **11.20 FILM: Paulie** (1998) (T) **12.45** BBC News at One (T) **12.55** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.00 FILM: Two Brothers** (2004) (T) **2.40 FILM: Goal!** (2005) (T) **4.30** Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers (R/T) **5.00** The Weakest Link: Strictly Come Dancing Special (R/T) **6.00** BBC News (T) **6.25** Regional News and Weather (T) **6.30** Dom's on the Case: Eye Care (R/T)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind (T)
7.30 EastEnders (T)
8.00 Holby City (T)
9.00 Around the World in 20 Years (T)
10.00 QI Christmas Special (R/T)
10.30 BBC News (T)
10.50 Regional News and Weather (T)
11.00 FILM: Deep Impact (1998) (T) **12.50** Weatherview (T) **12.55** Sign Zone: Gardener of the Decade (R/T) **1.55 FILM: Superman Returns** (2006) (T) **4.30** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **6.55** Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** CBBC: Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** Zombie Hotel (R/T) (Followed By Diddy Dick and Dom) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Coast (T) **10.20 FILM: Dangerous Moonlight** (1941) (T) **11.55 FILM: Tiger Bay** (1959) (T) **1.40** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **2.25** Miss Marple: A Caribbean Mystery (R/T) **4.15** Ready Steady Cook Christmas Special (T) **5.00 FILM: The World's Fastest Indian** (2005) (T)

7.00 Dragons' Den Around the World (R/T)
8.00 Top Gear Vietnam Special (R/T)
9.00 Shooting Stars: The Inside Story (T)
10.00 All New Shooting Stars (T)
10.30 The Graham Norton Holiday Show (T)
11.30 TOTP 2 at Christmas (T)
12.15 Comedy Connections (R/T) **12.55** The Graham Norton Show (R/T) **1.40** Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (R/T) **2.40 FILM: Cover Up** (1949) (T) **4.05** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Britain's Favourite View (R/T) **10.25** Dickinson's Real Deal (R/T) **11.25** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (R/T) **12.25** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **12.55 FILM: Carry On Cowboy** (1965) (T) **2.45** Midsomer Murders (T) **4.45 FILM: The Flintstones** (1994) (T) **6.30** Anglia Tonight (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
8.00 Britain's Weirdest Phobias (New) (T)
9.00 Taggart (New) (T)
10.30 News at Ten and Weather (T)
11.00 Lewis Hamilton - World Champion (R/T)
12.00 Guinness Premiership Rugby (T) **12.55** Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Emergency (R/T) **1.50** Nightwatch With Steve Scott: Mystery (R/T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines) **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show (R/T) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.30** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.00 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **6.05** INUK (R/T) **6.20** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.45** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.10 FILM: Thunderbird 6** (1968) (T) **8.55** Friends (R/T) **9.30** T4: The Simpsons (R/T) **10.00** Friends (R/T) **10.40** 4music Top Tunes of 2008 (R/T) **11.45** 4music Presents... Coldplay (R/T) **12.35 FILM: The Wild Thornberrys** (2002) (T) **2.05 FILM: WarGames** (1983) (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal (T) **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine With Me (R/T) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.30** Hollyoaks (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.35 Unreported World (R/T)
8.00 Country House Rescue (T)
9.00 Tony Robinson and The Ghosts Of Glastonbury (T)
10.05 FILM: The Magdalene Sisters (2002) (T)
12.20 FILM: Hallam Foe (2006) **2.10** Bullrun: Cops, Cars & Superstars (R/T) **2.40** Freesports on 4 (R/T) **3.05** KOTV Classics (T) **4.00** Adrenalin Rush (R/T) **4.30** The Avon Tyres British GT Championship (R/T) **5.00** Grudge Match (R/T) **5.10** Clipper 07-08 The Challenge Of A Lifetime (R)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (R/T) **6.15** The Funky Valley Show (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.35** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (R/T) **6.55** Little Princess (R/T) **7.05** Ebb and Flo (R/T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.40** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.10** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.20** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Shake! Show (R/T) **8.40** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.50** Pocoyo (R/T) **9.00** Dinotopia (R/T) **10.50** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **11.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.25** World's Strongest Man (R/T) **1.25 FILM: Daniel and the Devil** (1941) (T) **3.05 FILM: Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (1993) (T) **5.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)

7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 World's Strongest Man (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 CSI: NY (R/T)
10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R/T) (Followed by five news update)
11.00 30 Rock (R/T)
11.30 30 Rock (R/T)
12.00 30 Rock (R/T) **12.30** Prison Break (R/T) **1.30** Great Ethiopian Run **2.00** NBA Basketball Live **4.30** Boxing USA **4.50** Motorsport Mundial **5.15** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T)

Christmas TV Guide 2008

Bang-on advice for too much booze

IT'S New Years Eve and time to celebrate, sadly though a good time often goes hand in hand with a little too much alcohol.

If we were all sensible we would avoid hangovers by not drinking at all, but where would be the fun in that?

Number one tip, don't drink. It's bad for you. Well? OK, that advice didn't work so you best try some of these.

Before you get your glad rags on and go to that party, eat loads.

On this occasion (and only this), a fatty meal is beneficial. As fat is digested slowly, this will protect the stomach from the irritating effects of alcohol.

A glass of fatty milk slows down the absorption of alcohol, but don't make the basic mistake of thinking you're safe now. Fat slows down intake it does not negate it.

When you're at the bash avoid dark-

coloured drinks such as red wine, brandy, and port drinks as these tend to cause more severe hangovers. Have some soft drinks too.If you have a non-fizzy soft drink or water between each alcoholic tipple, you'll drink less booze and ultimately have a less severe hangover. It's a way of kidding yourself basically.

Remember fizzy drinks speed up the amount of alcohol going into the bloodstream.

Before you go to bed get some fresh air. If it's safe for you to walk home then the activity and the fresh air will help you sober up.

Have a pint of water before you go to bed. You won't feel so rubbish in the morning.

Drink some orange juice, because the vitamin C speeds up the metabolism of the alcohol by the liver.

Have some toast, a lack of sugar is responsible for that wobbly trembling feeling. It will settle your stomach too, so whack up your blood sugar level by eating, well, almost anything. A sports drink contains everything you need.

Taken all the advice above and still feel like someone's dropped a ton of concrete on your head?

Well here's what to do (and not) to make you feel a tad better.

Fry-up? It's a doubled edged sword. Your digestive system is under a lot of strain, so bacon, sausages and the works may cause indigestion. On the other hand fat contains lots of calories, so you will get a much-needed energy boost. Eggs and meat are rich in the amino acid, cysteine, which is good at clearing out toxins.

Painkillers? To be honest you're better off avoiding painkillers altogether. Be aware that aspirin and ibuprofen may irritate your stomach, paracetamol gives your liver even more work to do. And since you've already spent the night giving your liver a good kicking, popping pills should never be seen as the easy option.

Hair of the dog? There is scientific evidence to prove this works, but only in the short term. While your body is busy dealing with a new intake of booze, it suspends its torture until you're done drinking again - and then it's back to hangover hell.

Caffeine? A can of coke, cup of tea or black coffee. A hangover is a sign of dehydration, caffeine causes dehydration, work it out.

Fruit Juice? The best sort is freshly squeezed and works because it replaces lost vitamins.The fruit sugar boosts your energy levels and may help your body get rid of toxins. If it feels too acidic, water it down, add it to a smoothie with banana and yoghurt.

Water? You're hungover because you're dehydrated. Water combats dehydration, bingo.

So, if you didn't drink water before crashing out, then drink a pint of water every hour of the day.

Sleep? Get as much sleep as possible. Your body is working extra hard to rectify the mess you've made of your internal organs. If your banging headache is not keeping you awake - go back to sleep.

And finally you can cheer yourself up with the thought it will be 365 days until you feel like this again.

Happy New Year.

New Year's Eve

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** Gimme a Break (R/T) **10.00** Even Stevens (R/T) **10.25** What's New Scooby Doo? (R/T) **10.45 FILM: Robin Hood** (1973) (T) **12.05 FILM: Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas** (1989) (T) **1.20** BBC News at One (T) **1.30** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.35 FILM: The Prince and Me** (2004) (T) **3.20 FILM: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit** (1993) (T) **5.05 FILM: Wallace and Gromit in A Close Shave** (1995) (T) **5.35** Top of the Pops (T) **6.40** BBC News (T) **6.55** Regional News and Weather (T)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind (T)
7.30 Last of the Summer Wine (New) (T)
8.00 Weakest Link Special (T)
9.00 FILM: Meet The Fockers (2004) (T)
10.50 New Year Live (T)
12.20 FILM: Risky Business (1983) (T) **1.55** Weatherview (T) **2.00** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **6.55** Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** CBBC: Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** Watch My Chops (R/T) **8.10** Mona the Vampire (R/T) (Followed By Diddy Dick and Dom) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** Coast (T) **10.20 FILM: Spellbound** (2002) (T) **12.05 FILM: Carve Her Name with Pride** (1958) (T) **2.00** Murder, She Wrote (R/T) **2.45** The Perfect TV Detective (R/T) **3.45** Miss Marple: At Bertram's Hotel (T) **5.35** Flog It! (T) **6.20** Escape to the Country (R/T)

7.05 FILM: Just Like Heaven (2005) (T)
8.30 The Good Life (R/T)
9.00 FILM: Chocolat (2000) (T)
10.55 Jools' Annual Hootenanny (T)
1.15 Grumpy Old New Year (R/T) **2.15 FILM: Da Kath and Kim Code** (2005) (T) **3.35** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Britain's Favourite View (R/T) **10.25** Torvill and Dean: Dancing on Ice - The Live Tour 2008 (R/T) **11.25 FILM: Carry On Cleo** (1964) (T) **1.15** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **1.45** Goodnight Mister Tom (R/T) **3.45 FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** (1968) (T) **6.30** Anglia Tonight (T) (Followed by Weather) **6.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 Coronation Street (T)
8.00 The Bill (T)
9.00 The Man Who Lost His Head (R/T)
11.00 The Late News and Weather (T)
11.15 Elton's New Year's Eve Party - Live from the O2 Arena (New) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines)
12.50 FILM: Outside Providence (1999) (T) **2.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show (R/T) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen **5.30** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.05 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **6.10** The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.00 FILM: Warlords of Atlantis** (1978) (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R/T) **9.20** The Simpsons (R/T) **9.45** Friends (R/T) **10.15** Relentless (T) **11.05** Kyliex2008 (R/T) **1.10 FILM: Battle Of The Bulge** (1965) (T) **4.15** Deal Or No Deal (T) **5.00** Celebrity Come Dine With Me (R/T) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/T) **6.30** Hollyoaks (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T)
7.10 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T)
7.15 FILM: The Nutty Professor (1996) (T)
9.00 Tony Robinson and The Medieval Reincarnation (T)
10.00 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2008 (R/T)
12.10 FILM: Airplane! (1980) (T) **1.50 FILM: What's Cooking?** (2000) (T) **3.40** Unreported World (R/T) **4.05** Hill Street Blues (R) **4.50** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T) **5.50** 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas (R/T) **5.55** INUK (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (R/T) **6.15** The Funky Valley Show (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.35** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (R/T) **6.55** Little Princess (R/T) **7.05** Ebb and Flo (R/T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Shake! Show (R/T) **7.40** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.20** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Look! (R/T) **8.40** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.50** Pocoyo (R/T) **9.00** Dinotopia (R/T) **10.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **11.20** World's Strongest Man (R/T) **12.20** Russell Grant's Star Special (T) **1.20** Jim Henson's Jack and the Beanstalk: The Real Story (T) **5.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)

7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 World's Strongest Man (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 An Audience with Bruce Forsyth (R/T)
10.10 Bruce Forsyth's Comedy Heroes (R/T)
11.10 Greatest Ever Movie Love Scenes (T)
1.00 30 Rock (R/T) **1.30** Prison Break (R/T) **2.20** Prison Break (R/T) **3.10** Prison Break (R/T) **4.00** Short Story Cinema (R/T) **4.25** Short Story Cinema (R/T) **4.50** Short Story Cinema (R/T) **5.15** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T)

New Year's Day

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.00** Hotel Trubble (T) **9.30** Gimme a Break (R/T) **10.00** The Slammer (R/T) **10.30** Frankenstein's Cat (R/T) **10.35 FILM: Jump In!** (2007) (T) **11.55 FILM: The Shaggy Dog** (2006) (T) **1.30** Messages: New Year 2009 (T) **1.35** BBC News at One (T) **1.45** Regional News and Weather (T) **1.50** Doctor Who at the Proms (T) **2.50** Doctor Who (R/T) **3.50 FILM: Stuart Little** (1999) (T) **5.15 FILM: Shrek 2** (2004) (T) **6.40** BBC News (T) **6.50** Regional News and Weather (T)

7.00 Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death (T)
7.30 EastEnders (T)
8.00 Celebrity Mastermind (T)
8.30 EastEnders (T)
9.00 Jonathan Creek Christmas Special (T)
11.00 BBC News (T)
11.05 Regional News and Weather (T)
11.15 FILM: The Terminal (2004) (T) **1.20** Weatherview (T) **1.25** Joins BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Balamory (R/T) **6.20** Teletubbies (R/T) **6.45** 64 Zoo Lane (R/T) **6.55** Boogie Beebies (R/T) **7.15** CBBC: Lazytown (R/T) **7.40** Postman Pat (R/T) **8.00** The Tale of Jack Frost (R/T) **8.30** The Life of Mammals (R/T) **9.30** Wainwright's Walks (T) **10.00** My Life with Animals: Charlotte Uhlenbroek (T) **10.30** Thunderbirds (R/T) **11.20** New Year's Day Concert from Vienna (T) **12.50 FILM: The Alamo** (2004) (T) **2.55 FILM: The Heroes of Telemark** (1965) (T) **5.00 FILM: Von Ryan's Express** (1965) (T) **6.55** Archbishop's New Year Message (T)

7.00 Coast Revisited (R/T)
8.00 Three Men in More Than One Boat (T)
9.00 The Best of Top Gear (T)
10.00 Blackadder Rides Again (T)
11.00 Shooting Stars: The Inside Story (R/T)
12.00 All New Shooting Stars (R/T) **12.30** Charley Boorman: Ireland to Sydney by Any Means (R/T) **1.30** Dragons Den: The Dragons' Stories (R/T) **2.30 FILM: The Naked City** (1948) (T) **4.00** This Is BBC Two

ITV 1

6.00 GMTV (T) **9.25** Britain's Favourite View (R/T) **10.25** Elton's New Year's Eve Party - Live from the O2 Arena (R/T) **11.55** ITV Lunchtime News and Weather (T) **12.05 FILM: Pollyanna** (1960) (T) **2.25** Agatha Christie's Poirot (R/T) **4.25 FILM: The Spy Who Loved Me** (1977) (T) **6.45** ITV Evening News and Weather (T)

7.00 Emmerdale (T)
7.30 The Krypton Factor (New) (T)
8.00 The Bill (T)
9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple (New) (T)
11.00 The Late News and Weather (T)
11.15 FILM: City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold (1994) (T) (Followed by ITV News Headlines)
1.25 FILM: Cradle Will Rock (1999) (T) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen **5.30** ITV Early Morning News (T)

FOUR

6.10 The Hoobs (R/T) **6.35** The Hoobs (R/T) **7.00** The Treacle People (R/T) **7.10 FILM: Jimmy Neutron** (2001) (T) **8.50** T4: Friends (R) **9.20** The Simpsons (R/T) **9.50** Friends (R) **10.20** Girls Aloud Special: Under The Skin (R/T) **11.20** Friends (R) **11.50** Strictly Bolshoi (R/T) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing From Cheltenham, Exeter And Catterick (T) **4.00** Peter & The Wolf (R/T) **4.35** Deal Or No Deal (T) **5.20 FILM: Garfield** (2004) (T) **6.50** Channel 4 News (T)

7.00 Come Dine with Me (R/T)
8.00 FILM: Fantastic Four (2005) (T)
10.00 Why I Love Celebrity Big Brother (T)
11.05 8 Out Of 10 Cats: Big Brother Special (R/T)
11.55 FILM: The Fly (1958) (T) **1.45 FILM: Carrie** (1976) (T) **3.30** Hill Street Blues (R) **4.15** Transworld Sport (R/T) **5.05** Scrapheap Challenge (R/T)

FIVE

6.00 Milkshake! Angels of Jarm (R/T) **6.08** Little Lodgers (R/T) **6.10** Chiro (R/T) **6.15** The Funky Valley Show (R/T) **6.25** Fireman Sam (R/T) **6.35** The Beeps (R/T) **6.50** Music Box (R/T) **6.55** Little Princess (R/T) **7.05** Ebb and Flo (R/T) **7.10** Roary the Racing Car (R/T) **7.25** The Mr Men Show (R/T) **7.35** Mio Mao (R/T) **7.40** Make Way for Noddy (R/T) **8.00** Fifi and the Flowertots (R/T) **8.15** Peppa Pig (R/T) **8.20** Thomas & Friends (R/T) **8.35** Look! (R/T) **8.40** Rupert Bear (R/T) **8.50** Pocoyo (R/T) **9.00** Dinotopia (R/T) **10.50** Michaela's Zoo Babies (R/T) **11.50** Zoo Days (R/T) **12.20** The Gadget Show (R/T) **12.30** World's Strongest Man (R/T) **1.30 FILM: Arabian Nights** (2000) (T) **5.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green (R/T) **6.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/T)

7.00 Five News at 7 (T)
7.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (T) (Followed by five news update)
8.00 World's Strongest Man (T) (Followed by five news at 9)
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of the 21st Century (R/T)
12.05 30 Rock (R/T) **12.35** 30 Rock (R/T) **1.05** Quiz Call **4.05** Nick's Quest (R/T) **4.30** Big Ideas That Changed the World (R/T) **5.15** The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (R/T)

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SNAP benefits from Wishing Pool cash

– and VAT reduction from Santa's Grotto and Express takings will swell the fund

MK SNAP is celebrating being the beneficiary of this year's thecentre:mk Wishing Well collection

THE charity to benefit from this year's Wishing Pool at the Christmas Show at thecentre:mk is celebrating even before the money has been counted.

MK SNAP is delighted to hear that thecentre:mk has promised to pass on the recent VAT reduction, announced by Alistair Darling, from sales of Santa's Grotto and Santa's Express Train tickets to the Wishing Pool fund.

The Wishing Pool is a central feature to the annual Christmas Show in Middleton Hall and is used to raise money for local charity organisations and community groups.

Established in 1991 MK SNAP provides work and life skills training to people over 16 with learning and physical disabilities. Through its links with companies MK SNAP provides real work opportunities as a focus for training (including literacy and numeracy) in a non-pressurised, supportive environment.

MK SNAP has a dedicated team of nine full time staff providing care, tuition and support to over 80 people.

The Wishing Pool at Christmas 2006 saw a record breaking year with over £25,000 raised, the first time the £25,000 barrier has been breached in the history of the Wishing Pool. The Calvert Trust and Great Ormond Street Hospital both benefited. In 2007 just over £17,000 was collected, this time being donated to St Tiggywinkles (which is currently the subject of Channel 5 programme Wild Animal ER) for their work in the field of wildlife care.

Jackie Tracey, events manager at thecentre:mksaid: "Thecentre:mk is delighted to pass on the VAT reduction to MK SNAP. Christmas is really all about giving rather than receiving, thecentre:mk is thrilled it can help even further."

Ian Farmer, operations director of MK SNAP, said: "This is great news, we appreciate that times are tight for people so get this extra donation is incredibly helpful. All donations will go towards funding our new centre which can accommodate over 70 people. The new centre has also been designed for use by the wider community."

The Smiley Sam Christmas Float, will be at Asda in Bletchley next on Monday, and Tuesday

Smiley Sam at Asda

SANTA Claus will be raising money for a local children's hospice at Asda this Christmas.

The Smiley Sam Christmas Float, in aid of Keech Cottage Children's Hospice, will be at Asda in Bletchley on Monday, and Tuesday, December 22-23.

All the family can meet Santa and make a donation to the children's charity from 10am until 4pm. Last Christmas the float raised a total of over £35,000 from across Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

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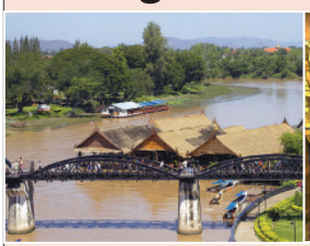

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FEMALE mid 40's, dark hair, blue eyes, likes nights in, cinema, meals out, seaside, seeks genuine, kind, N/S male for friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 347716**

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54YR old lady, likes simple things, seeks loving, caring male, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 315380**

SLIM female, 57, blonde, likes walks, meals out, seeks caring, genuine male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 298158**

72YR old female, fed up, GSOH, likes walks, meals out, cinema, swimming, seeks tall, genuine male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 340840**

FEMALE 34, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 35-40 for love and romance. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 271646**

20YR old female, 5ft 6ins, black, attractive, GSOH, sincere, seeks fun, white male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 279460**

PROFESSIONAL black female, 40, single mum, slim, hardworking, honest, GSOH, seeks romantic, honest, reliable white guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 335750**

SINGLE mum, 46, OHAC, seeks special male to share good times with, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 333566**

27YR old brunette, slim, curvy, GSOH, seeks honest, romantic male for dates, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 329192**

STEPH 49, attractive, 5ft 9ins, N/S, GSOH, varied interests, easygoing, seeks 6ft male, 43-51 for fun, laughter, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 298732**

72YR old widow, N/S, GSOH, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 343706**

YOUNG 58yr old female, blonde, curvy, divorced, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, N/S, likes country walks, reading, shopping, clothes, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 345510**

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YOUNG 60's female, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, medium build, warm, loving, GSOH, N/S, seeks sincere, loving male, 50-60's for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 327532**

SINGLE female, 46, 5ft 7ins, brown hair, seeks guy of similar age to share life with. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 350338**

NORDIC new age history chick, 43, looks 33, feminine, seeks friendship, maybe more with fun, fit male, 28-40. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 351414**

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PISCES mum, 39, wants sweet, chilled, funny Nirvana angel as a good friend, lover, soul mate and father figure. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 325410**

PRETTY fit, blonde female, 58, seeks attractive male, 50's for clubs, fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 290410**

FEMALE 25, lively, talkative, confident, likes gigs, meals out, pubs, days out, seeks male, 24-32 for friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 322268**

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YOUNG looking female, 43, slim, caring, loyal, likes cinema, meals out, seeks male, 38-43 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 304156**

43YR old black lady, divorced, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 301932**

BLONDE female, 42, likes cinema, clubs, walks, holidays, seeks male, similar age for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 298570**

38YR old black female with brains, body and beauty, seeks tall, professional male, 38-45 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 297396**

YOUNG curvy female, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 20-35 for friendship, fun and good times. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 257586**

42YR old black female, divorced, 5ft 8ins, seeks outgoing, caring male, 45-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 295650**

FEMALE 36, 5ft 5ins, likes socialising, nights in/out, walks, seeks genuine, honest, caring male, 35-42 for LTR. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 260679**

MADELINE 48, smoker, 5ft 7ins, medium build, professional, likes dancing, nights out, seeks male with similar interests and a good personality. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 324342**

FEMALE 53, 5ft 6ins, short dark hair, hazel eyes, nice figure, likes dancing, pubs, clubs, seaside, seeks male, 49-53 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 321296**

ROCK chick 24, seeks hunky dude, 25 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 321154**

FUN loving 51yr old female, seeks tall, sincere male, 47-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 316910**

FEMALE late 40's, slim, brown eyes, 5ft 5ins, seeks fun loving, slim gent with GSOH, full head of hair for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 312602**

21YR old female, seeks male for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 293312**

ATTRACTIVE 41yr old female, GSOH, likes meals out, cinema, nights in, pubs, seeks honest, caring male, 33-40 for possible LTR. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 291750**

36YR old divorced female, GSOH, likes motor bikes, clubs, meals out, seeks male, 29-59 for romance and relationship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 293228**

FEMALE 40's, honest, genuine, loving, shy, seeks similar guy for nice times and company. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 282512**

63YR old divorced female, 5ft 7ins, likes cooking, music, meals out, seeks honest, caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 281828**

5FT 9ins female, 64, attractive, slim, likes countryside, nights in, days out, seeks sincere, caring male for friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 281518**

ATTRACTIVE 43yr old female, brown hair, likes meals out, cinema, pubs, walks, seeks genuine, caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 280824**

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32YR old single mum, seeks male, 28-34 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 285374**

ATTRACTIVE female, 26, single mum, likes nights in/out, shopping, seeks genuine male for love and commitment. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 284192**

PAULINE mid 50's, attractive, young looking, likes holidays, honest, caring, genuine, seeks similar guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 282688**

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FEMALE 37, 5ft 7ins, medium build, black hair, blue eyes, GSOH, fun loving, seeks male, 37-45 for nights in/out, possible romance. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 272774**

LOYAL caring, considerate, loving, genuine female, seeks similar male between 35-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 272368**

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YOUNG 40yr old male, likes animals, guitar, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 351222**

RETIRED male, 5ft 10ins, smart, well dressed, N/S, seeks lady for relationship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 350270**

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100s turn up for Godot auditions

Youngsters have the chance to act with McKellen and Stewart

BY LAURA HANNAM
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MORE than 100 aspiring actors have auditioned to take to the stage with Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart.

MK Theatre is offering the chance for two budding young actors to tread the boards in the amazing new production of Samuel Beckett's Waiting For Godot, starring both.

The Company are looking for two boys to play alternate performances.

Last week 100 young boys travelled from far and wide for the chance to impress in a 20 minute audition held on the theatre's stage.

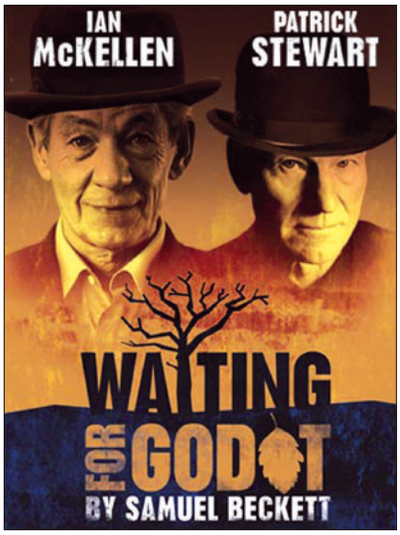
Fifteen boys were recalled on Wednesday, December 11 for a second audition and the two successful local stars will be announced later this month.

Sean Mathias, assistant director of Waiting for Godot, said: "We wanted to cast a boy in each town we played so that a local youngster would have a chance to act with some of the great giants of the theatre world and also have the opportunity to appear in a play that is legendary and awesome.

"If this show had come to my town when I was a youngster I would be dancing with glee at the thought of getting on the same stage as these brilliant actors."

Associate director, Lloyd Wood, who conducted the auditions, said: "The auditions in Milton Keynes are the first we've held for the tour and we've been amazed by the quality of young actors that we've seen."

The two lucky boys will begin rehearsals a week before the show, which will open on the Monday, March 16 and run until Saturday, March 21.



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TNT's fundraising goes with a bang

MILTON Keynes delivery giant TNT has celebrated 30 years in business by raising a Christmas-cracking £25,000 in 30 days for hundreds of charities across the region.

TNT employees at the depot in Northfield Drive, Northfield, decided to bring an extra Christmas treat to mark the company's 30 years in business by embarking on a month-long fund-raising extravaganza.

Called the '30-30-30' challenge, staff were encouraged to use up to 30 ideas for their fund-raising efforts, and choose one of the UK's top 30 charities - or opt for one of their own.

More than 50 TNT Express Services depots and offices combined their efforts as part of the '30-30-30' challenge with a bewildering array of fund-raising activities from sky dives, fancy dress days, 'wife swaps', cake baking, noodle-eating, managers in stocks, auctions to raffles, car valeting and male leg waxing.

Mike Brooks, Milton Keynes Depot general manager said: "What a fantastic effort from the team here in Milton Keynes. Everyone was really enthused by the 30-30-30 challenge as it was a way of celebrating our 30 years in business by giving something back to the local community. It was great to see staff conjuring up some cracking fund-raising events to raise money.

"Giving employees the opportunity to donate cash to a charity of their choice really captured their imagination - giving money to a cause close to your heart always gets a great response. We do take our corporate social responsibilities very seriously and this is an ideal way to help those most in need."

Tom Bell, managing director, TNT Express UK, added: "I think one of the best ways to celebrate 30 years in business was to reach out to the communities we serve.

Boing boing: Milton Keynes TNT employees held a 24-hour charity bounce as part of the 30-30-30 fund-raising extravaganza, raising £352. Sitting front, Yvonne Green, Jane Cooper Jenkins (jumping), back from left Dawn King, Jane Peach, Clare Small (kneeling) and Tanya Farmer

Our '30-30-30' initiative has been such an outstanding success because our people would rather give something back, rather than take a pat on the back.

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Some of the charities to benefit from Milton Keynes TNT's '30-30-30' initiative include: British Heart Foundation; Shelter; Breast Cancer Care; Blue Cross; RNIB; Cancer Research; NSPCC: Macmillan Cancer Support ; Help for Heroes; Help The Aged; Motor Neurone Disease and the RSPCA.

Ambassador hears of German firm's success

THE British Ambassador to Germany, Sir Michael Arthur has visited the Milton Keynes headquarters of German company Schueco.

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The visit was arranged by SEEDA (South East England Development Agency), which promotes business innovation and growth in the region. SEEDA provides specialist support to high growth businesses and works locally through Invest Milton Keynes.

Grant Seeley, director of inward investment at Invest Milton Keynes, said: "We are delighted that Sir Michael has visited Schueco and will be relaying the company's success back to other German companies who may also be interested in investing in Milton Keynes."

Schueco, based in Kingston, has been located in Milton Keynes for 16 years and employs more than 170 staff.

Marc von Briel, managing director at Schueco said: "It was a great opportunity to discuss with Sir Michael how being located in Milton Keynes has contributed to our success.

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Chamber the voice for MK business

70 companies air their views at summit

AT the recent Milton Keynes Economic Summit held at Stadiummk, the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce cemented its position as being the true voice of business within the region.

Hosted by Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes Partnership, the chamber of commerce was integral in bringing their members together at the summit to air their views on the current economic crisis and to discuss openly how it is affecting the Milton Keynes area as a whole.

More than 70 businesses were represented at the event and over two-thirds attended the event at the invitation of the chamber of commerce showing the ever-increasing influence the chamber has to get the voice of business heard loud and clear at the most influential levels.

Speakers at the event included Chris Hannant, director of policy at The British Chambers of Commerce, who outlined the BCC's views on the current economic status and the result of the most recent quarterly economic survey.

Robert Goodman from thecentre:mk spoke on the current retail trends within the city centre and on Milton Keynes' potential within the tourism sector.

John Lewis, chief executive at Milton Keynes Partnership, gave details of the future expansion plans for the city and some of the new commercial developments including the Pinnacle office complex and the new Network Rail development at the hockey stadium site.

The second half of the event saw workshops discuss the current trends and also new ideas to help sustain Milton Keynes as a city looking to the future and as an area fully prepared for when the upturn comes.

The chamber of commerce is keen to encourage the main bodies involved with the summit to learn from the event and develop practical solutions for the business community to help them not only cope with the short-term issues but be prepared long-term when orders start to come in and business inevitably picks up.

■ If you would like your business voice heard contact the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce on 01908 259000 or visit www.mk-chamber.co.uk

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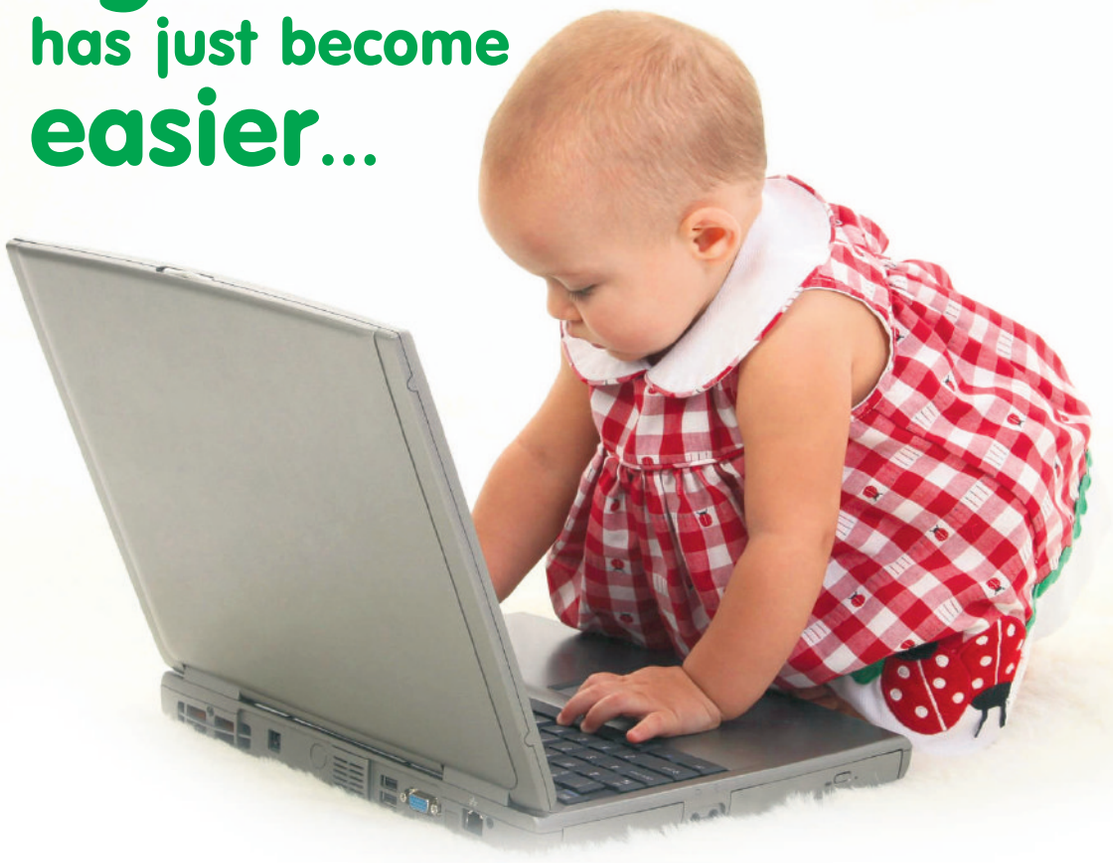

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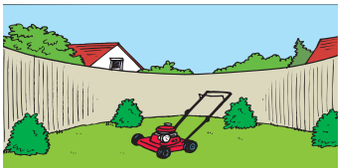

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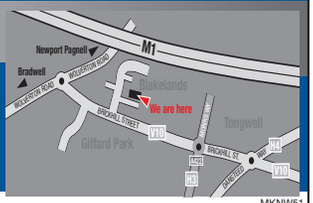

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August

9	Leicester	A	0-2
12	Norwich (CC)	H	1-0
16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2

September

6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2

October

4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

November

1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0

December

6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	
26	Bristol Rovers	A	
28	Southend	H	

January

3	Peterborough	A	
12	Colchester	H	
17	Carlisle	A	
24	Millwall	H	
27	Leyton Orient	H	
31	Cheltenham	A	

February

3	Stockport	A	
7	Crewe	H	
14	Hartlepool	H	
21	Tranmere	A	
28	Leicester	H	

March

3	Northampton	A	
7	Swindon	A	
10	Huddersfield	H	
14	Oldham	H	
21	Yeovil	A	
28	Leeds	A	

April

4	Brighton	H	
10	Southend	A	
13	Bristol Rovers	H	
18	Scunthorpe	A	
25	Walsall	H	

May

2	Hereford	A	

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Referee Roger East books four players as Brighton and MK Dons players get ugly. He went on to take eight names in total

Oh, the Dons do like to be beside the seaside

BRIGHTON 2

Johnson 3, Fleetwood 84

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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MK DONS 4

Llera 26, Johnson 46, Leven 69, Puncheon 89

A TOUCH of quality shone through on Friday night as MK Dons bounced back in Brighton.

The Dons came from a goal down to take all three points following a well earned 4-2 win over Brighton and Hove Albion at the Withdean Stadium.

It was the nature of the victory which pleased manager Roberto Di Matteo.

"You tell your players before the game 'let's have a bright start, let's not concede an early goal' but it was a fantastic reaction shown by the players," said Di Matteo. "To finish off so strong, I think that shows good character. "It wasn't an easy game, they were putting us under a bit of pressure and we had to defend well but we've got some quality in the team and that came out."

The fiery encounter ignited when Brighton took the quickest of free-kicks and Bradley Johnson stunned a static Dons defence as he crept through and cooly chipped the approaching Willy Gueret for the opener after just three minutes.

Goals from Miguel Llera, Jemal Johnson, Peter Leven and Jason Puncheon gave the Dons three points.

Di Matteo said: "The early goal we conceded rattled us a little bit and then after we started to control the game.

"It was a fantastic finish by JJ (Jemal Johnson) – great left foot into the corner.

"We always say it doesn't matter who scores we're a team and a group and everybody who plays in the squad is important to us. Whoever scores, it doesn't matter. We're pleased with the great performance and obviously to pick up three points."

The encounter had eight bookings but no dismissals.

Wright went close to a leveller on fifteen minutes when some great work on the left from Jemal Johnson and Jason Puncheon created space in the box for the winger. It was only a matter of time until the sides were level.

Puncheon's corner was whipped in from the right, Miguel Llera towered high in the box and his header down was the perfectly timed equaliser for the Dons.

Five minutes before the break the game boiled over with an 18-man confrontation. Aaron Wilbraham, Navarro, Tommy Elphick and Colin Hawkins were booked.

Jemal Johnson showed he has the skill to go with his attention-grabbing pink footwear when his spectacular 30-yard strike flew into the net a minute into the restart.

Brighton reshuffled, using all three subs in six minutes, but the Dons delivered a sucker-punch third on the 69th minute.

Elphick misread a long ball down field and Peter Leven crept through to steal an early Christmas present from Brighton and slot home.

Fleetwood grabbed one back three minutes from time but Puncheon had the final say with his first goal for the Dons.

The on-loan midfielder shared a one-two with Tore Andre Flo, before running into the Seagulls' box, twisting and turning past two tackles the picking the bottom corner.

TEAMS

BRIGHTON: Sullivan, Whing, El-Abd (Thornton 59), Cox (Anyinsah 59), Thomson, Forster (c), Richards, Hawkins, Murray (Fleetwood 65), Elphick, Johnson. Booked: Thompson, Cox, Hawkins, El-Abd

MK DONS: Gueret, Stirling, Llera, O'Hanlon (c), Wright (Baldock 64), Johnson, Wilbraham (Flo 71), Puncheon, Cummings, Navarro, Leven (Howell 79). Booked: Stirling, Wilbraham, Navarro, Puncheon

Referee: Roger East

Attendance: 5691 (away 384)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME					AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leicester	20	7	2	1	16	6	6	3	1	20	11	19	44
2	Millwall	20	8	1	1	16	9	5	2	3	16	15	8	42
3	**MK Dons**	**20**	**6**	**0**	**4**	**17**	**10**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**24**	**11**	**20**	**40**
4	Peterborough	20	6	3	1	23	11	4	4	2	15	12	15	37
5	Scunthorpe	20	5	3	2	21	15	6	1	3	18	13	11	37
6	Oldham	20	6	3	1	23	10	4	3	3	14	15	12	36
7	Stockport	20	3	4	3	12	11	6	3	1	18	8	11	34
8	Leeds United	20	6	1	3	22	13	4	1	5	12	13	8	32
9	Tranmere	20	6	1	3	19	12	3	2	5	9	14	2	30
10	Huddersfield	20	3	3	4	14	16	5	2	3	14	15	-3	29
11	Walsall	20	5	0	5	18	18	3	3	4	13	14	-1	27
12	Southend	20	5	2	3	13	10	2	4	4	15	22	-4	27
13	Hartlepool	20	4	4	2	22	17	3	1	6	8	14	-1	26
14	Bristol Rovers	20	5	2	3	22	14	1	5	4	16	19	5	25
15	Northampton	20	4	4	2	15	10	2	3	5	15	19	1	25
16	Colchester	20	2	2	6	10	13	5	1	4	22	22	-3	24
17	Carlisle	20	5	1	4	19	15	1	2	7	7	20	-9	21
18	Leyton Orient	20	2	3	5	8	14	3	3	4	8	11	-9	21
19	Swindon	20	3	3	4	16	18	1	5	4	14	18	-6	20
20	Brighton	20	2	4	4	14	17	2	4	4	10	14	-7	20
21	Yeovil	20	2	5	3	12	14	2	2	6	5	15	-12	19
22	Cheltenham	20	4	2	4	13	15	1	1	8	9	27	-20	18
23	Hereford	20	3	3	4	10	9	1	1	8	4	21	-16	16
24	Crewe	20	3	2	5	13	18	0	1	9	9	25	-21	12

PREVIEW

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HAVING got back to winning ways at Brighton on Friday night, the Dons face another huge test of their promotion credentials when the Yorkshire giants come to town, in front of what is expected to be a huge MK crowd.

The club expects around 15,000 for the all-ticket match with Leeds' travelling army bringing around 4,000 which should make the atmosphere red hot.

Leeds will be desperate to get their own promotion bid back on track after losing their last four games.

Their chief executive Shaun Harvey has challenged the players to reverse their recent run of poor form. He told the club website that the players are the only ones who can influence things: "We have to get things right and the players have got to start stepping up to the mark," he said.

Leeds have slipped to eighth in the table, 12 points behind leaders Leicester and Harvey's comments would seem to lay the blame with the players, rather than manager Gary McAllister.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

MK DONS season ticket holders will have the chance to meet their heroes tonight when the club hosts a pre-Christmas meet the players evening.

To be held in the magnificent Clydesdale Bank Ballroom, the event is an exclusive for season ticket holders and a chance for the Dons players to say 'thank-you' for the support of the MK Army throughout the year.

Entry to the event is free and there will also be opportunities to purchase some official MK Dons merchandise from Club Shop vendors - you may even pick up a last minute Christmas present or two!

Doors open to season ticket holders from 7pm. Please ensure you bring your season ticket card as it will be swiped upon entry to the event.

Supporters that order half-season tickets before the event will also be eligible to attend.

FANCY a Christmas present with a difference? An MK Dons half season ticket could be just the thing.

The club is offering the ticket as Roberto Di Matteo's men look to challenge for a place in the Championship.

Building on their League 2 title win last term, the Dons have made a fantastic start to their first season back in League 1 and have given themselves a wonderful chance of achieving back-to-back promotions.

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Goalmouth action as Lightning threaten Telford Tigers net

Pictures: Jez Tibbetts

Cats back after mauling

ICE HOCKEY

MK Lightning maintained their grip on third place at the weekend with a 6-4 victory over Telford.

The team could have added to their triumph with a double over Swindon Wildcats but their midweek victory was followed by defeat away on Sunday.

Lightning started well at Planet Ice on Saturday night as in-form Gary Clarke netted on 1.40.

However, Telford Tigers fought back and took the lead with two goals from Hornak before the end of the first period.

Coach Poole would have been impressed with his side's reaction though, as Lightning showed their attacking spirit.

The second period saw goals from James Archer, Michael Wales and Andre Smulter, setting up a tense third period.

Lightning scored another through a Lucas Zatopek power-play but the lead was narrowed to 5-4 when Niec and Knight netted for the Tigers.

But Lightning increased their cushion as Gary Clarke scored his second of the game, tapping into an empty net to make it 6-4.

On Sunday Lightning travelled to Swindon full of confidence, having seen off the Wildcats earlier in the week, demolishing them 7-1 at home on Thursday.

But that confidence was short-lived as the Wildcats got their revenge on home ice, edging the game 3-2.

Swindon Wildcats were on the wrong end of a 7-1 hiding on Thursday, but beat Lightning 3-2 just three days later

BASKETBALL

Rocks a hard place for travelling Lions

THE MK Lions lost out on their travels to Scotland with a 94-82 defeat to the Scottish Rocks.

The Rocks got off to a blistering start as Blake Shelton hit 11 points in four minutes.

The Lions eventually got to him but not before the home side had opened a sizeable lead.

Mike New was the chief respondent for the Lions as he was the only player with more than two points at the end of their quarter as he had seven. The home side led, 32-19.

Coach Vince Macaulay regrouped his men and the Lions continued to slow the Rocks down.

New and a very ill Robert Youngblood continued to do well as the visitors came back.

Terrell Brown hit 10 points for the Lions as Tommie Eddie also got in on the act. With Youngblood regularly retiring to the changing rooms, the Lions had played nine players by the end of the half but only trailed 48-44.

Jayson Obazuaye got in on the act at the start of the second half hitting 6 quick points, New continued his good work inside ably assisted by Eddie.

Eventually the visitors moved ahead and took that lead to the end of the quarter leading, 66-68, on the back of 22 Mike New points

Early in the fourth the Lions lost New to a knee injury sustained in a melee, Youngblood quickly followed to the changing rooms. This shook the Lions momentarily allowing the home side to recover from a five point deficit as the Lions missed four free throws in a row.

With the game see-sawing, Brown and Eddie collided meaning they both had to leave the court, Yanders, free at last, quickly capitalised with two three pointers, this was quickly followed by a three from Pratt as it was the Rocks' turn to lead by five points with just under two minutes to play.

Brown returned and nailed a three then Pratt did likewise off the top of the backboard, misses at the bucket from Obazuaye and Yorick Williams saw the Lions down six with seconds to play, and as they fouled on each of the Rocks last possessions, the home side sealed the game from the free throw line, 94-82.

The result leave the Lions in sixth place in the league.

The Lions are now off for Christmas before returning to action on January 9 against Guildford Heat in the BBL Trophy at Bletchley Leisure Centre, tip off 7.30pm.

RUGBY

County Cup

Bletchley 0

Milton Keynes 7

ON a wet and muddy day at Manor Fields, Bletchley lost 7-0 to old local rivals Milton Keynes in the Bucks County Cup.

Milton Keynes are riding high at present in second place in the Southern Counties North league while Bletchley in the league above of South West 2 East have had an indifferent season.

Milton Keynes, showed their recent success in their league had given them a mental edge and with good covering and tackles, were able to hold off Bletchley's initial pressure.

Most of the game was played in the middle of the park and as the pitch broke up, the game became very messy.

With more injuries to be added to their list, Bletchley look forward to their last league match of the first half of the season this Saturday away against league leaders Reading.

■ **OLNEY suffered another loss at High Wycombe in the Bucks Cup on Saturday.**

With the continuous rain and awful playing conditions, and the added embarrassment of having to start the game with only fourteen men as the kick off was moved forward to 2pm it was not a great afternoon for those in cerise and French grey.

The home team scored four tries, two being converted giving them the final score of 24-0.

Olney face Trowbridge at home on Saturday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell's good run continued with a resounding 4-0 win over bottom side Rothwell Corinthians in the United Counties Premier League.

The team moved to second in the table thanks to goals from Rich Armstrong, Darren Lynch, Kwazi Nkumalo and Scott Mulkern.

Next up is a tricky away game at fifth placed St Ives on Saturday.

New Bradwell St Peter came away from Ampthill with a useful 3-1 win in the Molten Spartan South midlands Division One.

However the same could not be said for Stony Stratford who had a blank Saturday due to the weather.

While Buckingham Athletic went down 3-1 at Arlesey Athletic.

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Lightning strike again at home
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Twinkle-toes in the pink

BY ROB GIBSON
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THE stage is set for one of the most eagerly awaited fixtures of MK Dons' season.

A big screen will be installed and pink boots will be shined as stadiummk prepares for Saturday's League One showpiece against Leeds United.

The man in the pink is Jemal Johnson, the 23-year-old American striker who christened his eye-catching footwear with a goal in the 4-2 victory over Brighton on Friday.

The baby pink boots have been spotted around Premier League grounds in recent weeks but Dons boss Roberto Di Matteo was unimpressed when he saw "JJ" with the boots and team mates were quick to ridicule the flash footwear.

Di Matteo said: "I swore to myself that I was never going to play him with the pink boots but he surprised me.

"He can wear them again because he scored."

Johnson produced an eye-catching display in Brighton and Dons fans will be hoping for similar quality from their side when seventh place Leeds bring strong travelling support this weekend.

Another Dons forward set to be in the spotlight is Tore Andre Flo, who will be hoping to make an impression against his former club.

However, Di Matteo has been keen to play down the hype surrounding the clash.

He said: "It will be three points, no more than that, but we're looking forward to the game.

"Leeds are a big club and it should be a good game."

The Italian was also keen to underplay the importance of his tactics, instead focusing on how his depleted squad respond to their instructions.

"It doesn't really matter what sort of system we play," he said.

"We have had some good results with 4-4-2 formation as well, at Colchester and Millwall.

"It's about the application that the players put into it."

Elsewhere, as news broke of Paul Ince's departure from Blackburn Rovers yesterday, his former employer, Dons Chairman Pete Winkelman offered his support.

"We are all extremely disappointed for Paul," Winkelman said.

"He did a fantastic job in his time in Milton Keynes and I'm confident he will still be a successful manager at the top level.

"Throughout his career, as a player and as a manager, Paul has showed his character and fighting spirit.

"I'm sure he will bounce back strongly from this."

Ince, 41, joined Rovers in June after winning promotion with the Dons but was sacked after six months in charge, with the club second-bottom of the Premier League and three wins from 17 games.

Jemal Johnson fires in a first half shot against Brighton – report on page 62

■ CHRISTMAS has come early for MK Dons fans and look what Santa's brought – a brand new big screen.

The wheels have been in motion behind the scenes to have a large screen, which doubles up as a scoreboard, in place at stadiummk.

The Dons have finally managed to get their hands on a screen which is situated in the north end of the stadium, just left of centre.

The LED screen is 40 square metres and is made by Barco, which produced the screens for Wembley.

The timing could not be better for the Dons as they expect their biggest crowd of the season when they host Leeds United on Saturday.

If all goes to plan the screen will be active for the game, with build up shown from 1.30pm to 2.45pm.

Score and time will be shown during the match while classic videos, old adverts – including the famous red balloon to promote Milton Keynes – are set to be screened.

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